



System Reference

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Vicon MX System

Vicon MX Hardware

Motion measurement and analysis system

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Preface

This book provides detailed information on the features and functionality of each hardware component of Vicon MX, an integrated system for motion measurement and analysis. It describes the specialized MX cameras, MX units, and MX network equipment and their controls, indicators, and connectors, as well as supplied accessories, calibration apparatus, and cables. It also describes the types of third-party devices you can integrate in the system.

Audience

This book is intended for those who will be using Vicon MX to provide high-resolution motion capture data that can be applied to real-time and offline applications. Much of the information in this book is intended for technically qualified operators only; such material is explicitly indicated.

Vicon MX motion capture data is typically used in the following types of applications:

- **Engineering**, such as visualization simulation, virtual prototyping, and virtual reality.
- **Entertainment**, such as computer game character animation, full motion video (FMV)/cut-scenes, advertising spots, and on-set character previews.
- **Life Sciences**, such as sports performance, gait analysis, neuroscience, physical therapy and object tracking in medical environments.

This book does not assume any previous experience with Vicon products. If you have used a previous Vicon V-series system (such as Vicon V460, V6, V612, V624, or V8i), you will notice some differences in components and terminology between previous systems and Vicon MX. All Vicon MX concepts and hardware components are described fully in this book.

Structure

This section describes how the information in this book is organized.

The first section provides general information that should be read before installing or using Vicon MX:

System Information: A description of the system contents and consumer information.

The first chapter provides an overview of Vicon MX:

Chapter 1 Introduction provides an overview of the key components and use of Vicon MX.

Each of the following chapters describe a single component of Vicon MX, including a brief description of the component and its function, its connections, controls, and indicators:

Chapter 2 MX Bridge describes the MX Bridge, which (if present) integrates Vicon V-series cameras (MCam2, VCam, SVCam, MCam (PAL), and MCam (NTSC)) into a Vicon MX architecture.

Chapter 3 MX Cameras describes the MX cameras, including associated illumination equipment, connectors, and cables.

Chapter 4 MX Control describes the MX Control, which (if present) provides the master synchronization of the system and enables the interface between Vicon MX and third-party capture devices.

Chapter 5 MX Host PC describes the network configuration required for Vicon MX.

Chapter 6 MX Link describes the MX Link, which (if present) connects two to four MX Nets. Gigabit Ethernet communication between the MX Net and the MX Links ensures adequate data flow for high marker counts in real time.

Chapter 7 MX Net describes the MX Net, which supplies power and communications to up to eight MX cameras (or alternative devices), and then passes that data back to either the host computer or an MX Link.

Chapter 8 MX Sync describes the MX Sync optional accessory to the MX Control, which (if present) provides an

interface between the MX Control or the MX Ultranet and external devices.

Chapter 9 MX Ultranet describes the MX Ultranet, which replaces the independent MX Net and MX Link units present in earlier Vicon MX systems. The MX Ultranet supplies power, synchronization, and communications for up to eight connected MX cameras (or alternative devices such as MX Control or MX Bridge units) and the host PC.

Each of the following chapters describe the additional equipment supplied with Vicon MX:

Chapter 10 MX Accessory Kit describes the contents of the MX Accessory Kit.

Chapter 11 MX Cables describes the types of proprietary MX cables for connecting the system components.

Chapter 12 MX Calibration Kit describes the purpose and contents of the MX Calibration Kit.

Each of the appendices provide additional information that can help you make the most of using Vicon MX:

Appendix A MX Control Card Configuration provides procedures for installing and replacing add-on cards in the MX Control and connecting digital devices to it.

Appendix B GPIO and Remote Connections in MX Ultranet and MX Sync provides procedures for using the GPIO and remote control functionality of these MX units.

Appendix C MX Camera Lens Focusing provides procedures for focusing MX camera lenses.

Appendix D Technical Specifications describes the technical specifications for Vicon MX hardware components.

Appendix E Regulatory Notices gives details of regulatory notices regarding the supply and use of Vicon MX.

Appendix F Troubleshooting provides tips on resolving possible problems with Vicon MX hardware components.

Appendix G Support Resources describes the support resources available to Vicon MX users.

Appendix H Documentation Feedback describes how to supply feedback on the Vicon MX documentation.

Appendix I Customer Satisfaction Survey requests your feedback on our products and services to help us improve future offerings.

Vicon Product Glossary defines acronyms, concepts, and terms as they are used in Vicon products

Conventions

This table illustrates the typographical conventions used in this book.

Convention	Description
This type	Menus, commands, buttons, and options displayed in the GUI. Terms in a definition list or emphasis for important introductory words in a paragraph.
<i>This type</i>	Text displayed by the system or extracts of program code.
<i>This type</i>	Path names, file names, and extensions. Commands or text you are to enter in files or dialog boxes.
<i>This type</i>	Cross-references to related information in another section or document.
<u><i>This type</i></u>	A URL for a site on the World Wide Web.
Caution	A caution alerting you to actions that could result in the loss of data.
Important	A note giving information that emphasizes or supplements important points in the text or information that may apply only in special cases.
Tip	A tip helping you to apply the techniques and procedures in the text to your specific use or to suggest an alternative method.
Warning	A warning advising you of actions that could result in physical harm to yourself or damage to the hardware.

Related documentation

This *Vicon MX Hardware System Reference* book is designed to be used in conjunction with the additional documentation providing information related to this release of Vicon MX shown in the following table.

Document	Description						
Release Documents	<p>Release Documents provide details on the current software release, including system requirements, new features and enhancements, issues addressed, and known problems as well as product feature and functionality changes from previous releases.</p> <p>To access them, from the Windows Start menu, point to Programs, then Vicon, then Documentation, then Release Documents, and select the desired release document.</p>						
Books	<p>Product books are installed in PDF format (requires Adobe Acrobat version 5.0 or later). To access them, from the Windows Start menu, point to Programs, then Vicon, then Documentation, then Books, then the type of book, and select the desired book.</p> <p>The following types of books make up the Vicon product documentation set:</p> <table> <tr> <td>System Reference</td><td>System Reference books describe the features and functionality of a component of Vicon MX systems.</td></tr> <tr> <td>System Tutorial</td><td>System Tutorial books provide step-by-step instructions on the intended way of using Vicon application software.</td></tr> <tr> <td>System Option</td><td>System Option books describe the general features and operation of a system option or plug-in that can be used with the Vicon application software.</td></tr> </table>	System Reference	System Reference books describe the features and functionality of a component of Vicon MX systems.	System Tutorial	System Tutorial books provide step-by-step instructions on the intended way of using Vicon application software.	System Option	System Option books describe the general features and operation of a system option or plug-in that can be used with the Vicon application software.
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Document	Description
Foundation Guide	<p>Foundation Guide books, such as <i>The Vicon Manual</i>, describe the general features and operation of the hardware and application software in Vicon V-series systems (V460, V6, V612, V624, and V8i).</p> <p>Those books may be supplemented by the System Reference, System Tutorial, and System Option books, which describe more recent features and functionality.</p>
Vicon Online Support (VOS)	<p>VOS (at http://www.vicon.com/support/online_Support.html) is a Web-accessible knowledge base that enables customers to view previously answered product queries, submit new questions, and download updates to Vicon software and documentation.</p>

System Information

This section lists the contents of Vicon MX and provides important and required consumer information.

Warning

Changes or modifications to the supplied system not expressly approved by the party responsible for FCC compliance could void the user's authority to operate the equipment.

System Contents

Vicon MX consists of hardware, peripheral, and software components, as well as optional third-party devices.

MX Hardware

Vicon MX includes the following hardware:

- MX Cameras (including strobe units and connection cables):
 - MX40+, MX40
 - MX20+
 - MX13+, MX13
 - MX3+, MX3
- MX Units (including connection cables):
 - MX Bridge
 - MX Control
 - MX Link
 - MX Net
 - MX Sync
 - MX Ultranet
- Network equipment:
 - Network cables
 - Host PC with Ethernet ports (Vicon or user-supplied)

MX Software

Vicon MX can be used with the following Vicon software:

- BodyBuilder
- Nexus 1.x
- Polygon
- Vicon iQ 2.x
- Workstation 5.x

MX Peripherals

Vicon MX is supplied with these peripherals:

- MX accessory kit
- MX calibration kit

Third-Party Devices

Vicon MX can be used with the following third-party devices:

- External analog peripheral devices, such as force plates and electromyography (EMG) equipment
- External audio peripheral devices, such as microphones
- External digital peripheral devices, such as force plate amplifiers
- Videotape recorders (through RS-422 connectivity)
- Devices supporting PAL/NTSC video signals
- Devices supporting RS-232 serial communications
- Devices supporting RS-422 serial communications
- Devices supporting RJ-45 connections
- FireWire (IEEE 1394) digital video capture card
- Video cameras that conform to the IEEE 1394 Digital Video (DV) or the IIDC 1394 Digital Camera (DCAM) standards.

Radio and Television Interference

This equipment has been designed and tested to comply with the limits for a Class A digital device, pursuant to Part 15 of the FCC rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference when the equipment is operated in a commercial environment. This equipment generates, uses, and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the user documentation, may cause harmful interference to radio communications. Operation of this equipment in a residential area is likely to cause harmful interference, in which case users will be required to correct the interference at their own expense.

Environmental Regulations

Vicon MX+ hardware is RoHS compliant. The RoHS Directive provides that new electrical and electronic equipment put on the market for the first time from 1 July 2006 should not contain lead, cadmium, mercury, hexavalent chromium, polybrominated biphenyls (PBB) or polybrominated diphenyl ethers (PBDE). For details on the RoHS Directive, see the RoHS section of the European Commission Web site (http://ec.europa.eu/environment/waste/pdf/faq_weee.pdf) or of the UK Government Web site (<http://www.rohs.gov.uk/>). For details on which Vicon hardware is compliant, see *Appendix D Technical Specifications*.

Safety Information

To avoid introducing a safety hazard and possibly damaging the system, please ensure that an adequate and good-quality alternating current (AC) power source is available. Please refer to the ratings statement on the rear of the relevant MX unit for guidance. Also ensure that any computers and peripheral devices are set to be electrically rated to operate with the AC power available in your location.

When working with Vicon MX, observe these safety precautions:

- To prevent electric shock, plug all system components into properly grounded power sources. These cables must be equipped with three-prong plugs to ensure proper grounding. Do not use adapter plugs or remove the grounding prong from a cable.
- Ensure nothing rests on the system cables and that cables are not located where they can be stepped on or tripped over.

- Do not spill food or liquids onto any electrical component of the system. If any component gets wet, immediately contact Vicor Motion Systems or your nearest agent or distributor for advice.
- Do not push any objects into the slots of any unit of the system. Doing so can cause fire or electric shock by shorting out internal components.
- Keep all system components away from radiators and heat sources, and do not block cooling vents. Avoid placing loose papers underneath any components. Do not place any components on closed-in units or on a bed, chair, etc.
- Replace fuses with the same type and rating for continued fire protection.
- Do not use outside, near water, in an environment exposed to anesthetic or other explosive gases, or in mobile applications.

Warranty

Vicor MX has a full 12-month warranty commencing immediately after installation. If any such product proves defective during this warranty period, Vicor Motion Systems will repair the defective product without charge for parts or labor or will provide an exchange for the defective product or subassembly. This warranty shall not apply to any damage, defect, or failure caused by improper use or inadequate maintenance and use.

CE Declaration of Conformity



*Electromagnetic Compatibility as defined by
the EMC Directive 89/336/EEC of the 1st of January, 1992*

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declare that to the best of our knowledge that the Vicon MX motion capture system manufactured by Vicon Motion Systems Limited meets the intent of the Medical Devices Directive 93/42/EEC for Class 1 products in that it satisfies:

- The intent of EC Directive 89/336/EEC for electromagnetic compatibility compliance as listed in the official journal of the European Communities.
- The essential safety requirements as detailed in Directive 73/23/EEC, including Article 13 of the Official Journal of the European Communities L220 Volume 36 dated 30th August 1993 amending Directive 73/23/EEC.

Vicon Motion Systems Limited has tested and demonstrated that all products of its own manufacture meet:

Emissions to:

EN55022:1998 Conducted, Class A
EN55022:1998 Radiated, Class B

Immunity to:

EN55024:1998 (EN61000-3-2: 2000 and (EN61000-3-3: 1995)

Low Voltage Directive to:

EN60950:2000

The equipment has been designed to meet CEI IEC 601-1-1 where applicable for a Class 1 device (Para 2.2.4). Not for use in an operating theater or anesthetic gas environment.

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T.M.L. Shannon, FIE Aust, CPEng (BIOMED), FRSA
Director of Operations
10 August 2006

ISO 9001:2000 Certificate of Approval



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More details 13

Vicon MX is a suite of networked Vicon MX motion capture cameras and devices that provide real-time and offline digital-optical motion capture data. The data can be applied to engineering, entertainment, and life sciences applications. For details on the types of motion capture applications Vicon MX can be used with, visit the [Applications page](#) of our Web site.

Vicon MX Architecture Elements

The key elements of an Vicon MX architecture include:

- **MX Cameras**

The Vicon MX40+, MX40, MX20+, MX13+, MX13, MX3+, and MX3 cameras feature multiple high-speed processors that perform real-time proprietary image processing.

For full details on these, see [Chapter 3 MX Cameras](#).

- **MX Units**

The MX Bridge, MX Control, MX Link, MX Net, MX Sync, and MX Ultranet units are used to create a distributed architecture, enabling you to customize the number of MX cameras and third-party devices. In this book, the terms socket and plug are used for female and male connectors respectively.

For full details on these, see [Chapter 2 MX Bridge](#), [Chapter 4 MX Control](#), [Chapter 6 MX Link](#), [Chapter 7 MX Net](#), [Chapter 8 MX Sync](#), and [Chapter 9 MX Ultranet](#).

- **MX Software**

Vicon MX supports BodyBuilder, Nexus, Polygon, Vicon iQ, and Workstation application software for engineering, entertainment, and life sciences applications. Existing users will find familiar workflows as well as new features developed specifically for Vicon MX.

For details on these, see [Chapter 5 MX Host PC](#) and the Vicon software documentation.

- **Host PC**

Vicon MX requires a host PC with a dedicated Gigabit Ethernet port to enable system communications (this is in addition to any other

network ports on the PC). Any Vicon motion capture and analysis software to be used with Vicon MX is installed on this host PC. (Remote PCs may be used for other Vicon software or third-party applications.)

For details on this, see [Chapter 5 MX Host PC](#).

- **MX Cables**

Proprietary MX cables connect the system components, providing a combination of power, Ethernet communication, synchronization signals, video signals, and data.

For details on these, see [Chapter 11 MX Cables](#).

- **MX Peripherals**

Vicon MX is supplied with a Calibration Kit containing the tools required to accurately calibrate the system and an Accessory Kit containing supplies for initial system use.

For details on these, see [Chapter 12 MX Calibration Kit](#) and [Chapter 10 MX Accessory Kit](#).

- **Third-party Devices (optional)**

Vicon MX can be integrated with a range of third-party devices, including analog devices (such as force plates and EMG equipment), audio devices (such as microphones), external video sources (such as PAL or NTSC Video Tape Recorders), and external video cameras (such as DV and DCAM digital video cameras). Such devices can be integrated using the appropriate option card or connectors in the MX Control or the MX Ultranet.

For details on these, see [Appendix A MX Control Card Configuration](#) or [Appendix B GPIO and Remote Connections in MX Ultranet and MX Sync](#).

Vicon MX Architecture Models

You can combine Vicon MX and third-party elements to create an architecture that meets your application requirements. This modular approach enables you to expand Vicon MX as needed.

The following sections illustrate some common Vicon MX architecture models. If your particular application requires a more complex architecture than is illustrated in this book, Vicon Support can help you to consider the requirements for designing a suitable Vicon MX architecture.

Important

Vicon MX runs on its own dedicated network, rather than being integrated into a general communications network. Routers are not supported for connecting elements in a Vicon MX architecture.

Basic Motion Capture Architecture

The most basic Vicon MX architecture consists of from one-eight MX cameras, an MX Ultranet, and the host PC (for descriptions of these system elements, see [Vicon MX Architecture Elements](#) on page 1-1). This basic architecture is illustrated in Figure 1-1.

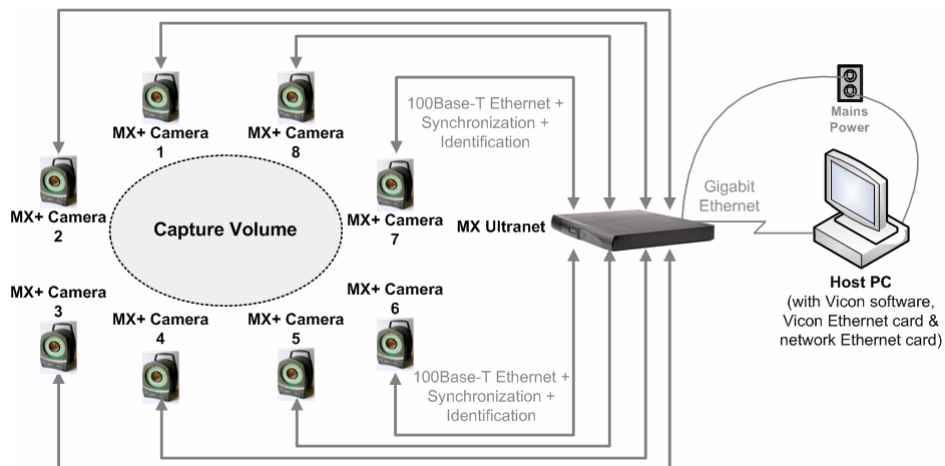


Figure 1-1: Basic Vicon MX architecture

Large Camera-Count Architecture

If your application requires more than eight MX cameras, you must include additional MX Ultranet units in the Vicon MX architecture. If your system has an MX Net unit, you must include additional MX Net units along with MX Link units to connect these together. For descriptions of these system elements, see [Vicon MX Architecture Elements](#) on page 1-1. This large camera-count architecture is illustrated in Figure 1-2.

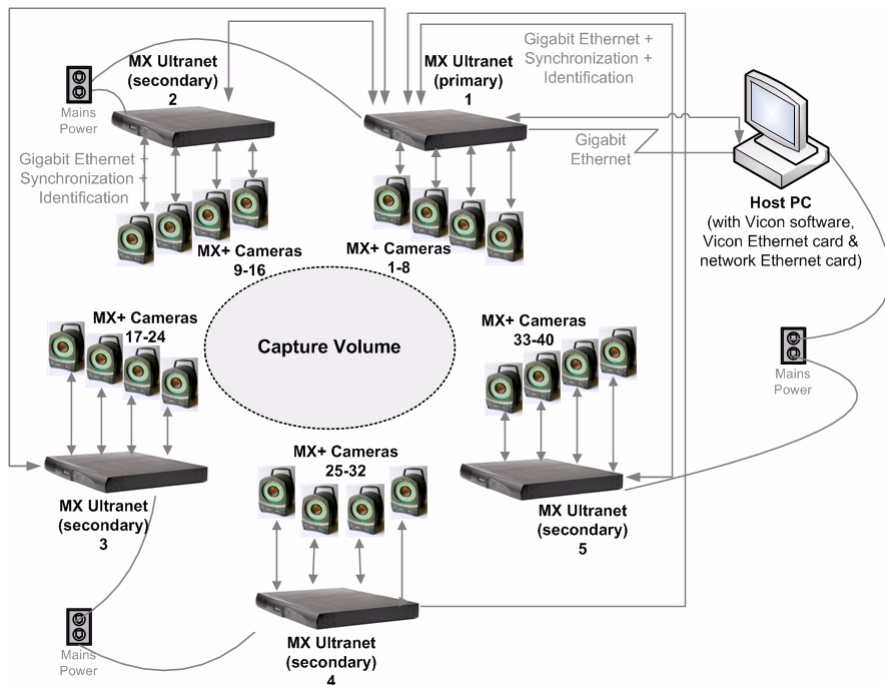


Figure 1-2: Vicon MX architecture with 40 cameras and 5 MX Ultranet units

Integrated Third-party Application Architecture

If your application integrates third-party analog capture, genlock, and timecode devices, you must include an MX Control, with the appropriate option card installed, in the Vicor MX architecture. If you require an extended interface to the GPIO (general purpose input output) or remote control functionality available in the MX Control or MX Ultranet, you can include an MX Sync between that MX unit and the third-party device. For descriptions of these system elements, see [Vicon MX Architecture Elements](#) on page 1-1. This integrated third-party application architecture is illustrated in Figure 1-3.

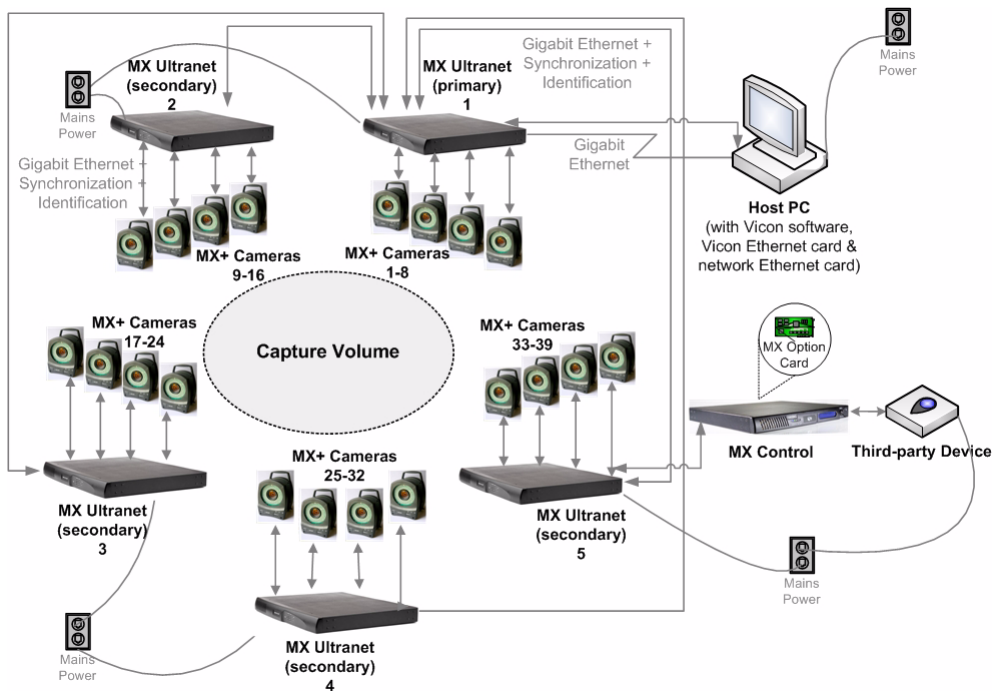


Figure 1-3: Vicon MX architecture with MX Control and third-party device

Integrated V-series Cameras Architecture

If your application integrates Vicon MCam2, VCam, SVCam, MCam(PAL), or MCam(NTSC) cameras supported previously by Vicon V-series systems, you must include an MX Bridge in the Vicon MX architecture (for descriptions of these system elements, see [Vicon MX Architecture Elements](#) on page 1-1). This integrated V-series cameras architecture is illustrated in Figure 1-4.

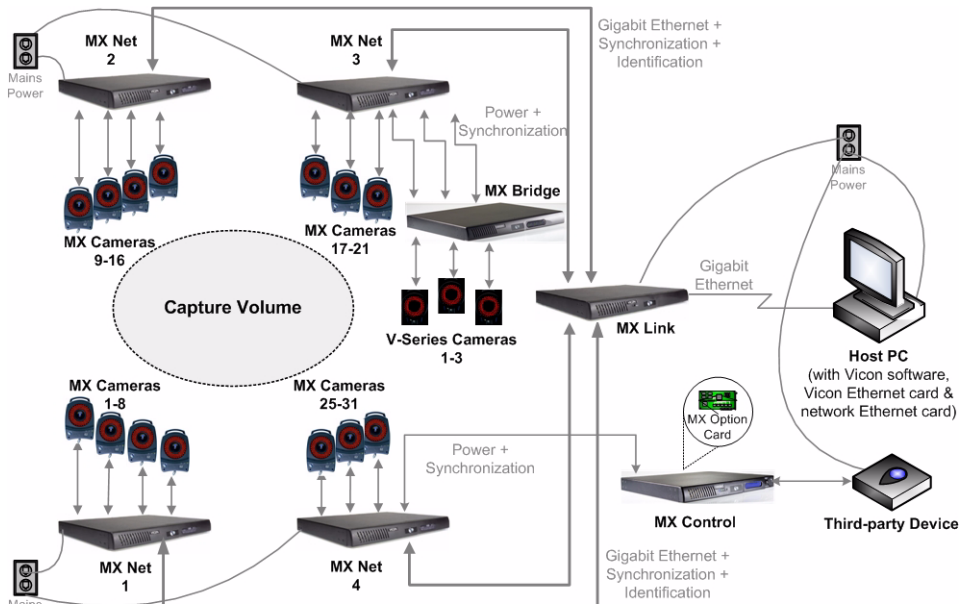


Figure 1-4: Vicon MX architecture with MX Bridge and V-series cameras

This chapter describes the physical structure of the MX Bridge, including its connections to other Vicon MX components and to supported V-series cameras.

The MX Bridge provides the interface between Vicon MX and any MCam2, VCam, SVCam, MCam(PAL), and MCam(NTSC) cameras supported previously by Vicon V-series systems. It acts like an MX emulator and transforms the images sent by these cameras to the grayscale format used in Vicon MX.

The MX Bridge is optional in Vicon MX. It connects to an MX Ultranet or an MX Net in the same way as an MX camera, with the same physical connector, cables, and signals. An MX Bridge can connect up to three V-series cameras of the same type to the Vicon MX system. You can add additional MX Bridges to your Vicon MX architecture to meet your needs.

Important

Apart from VCam and SVCam cameras, which are interchangeable, you cannot connect a combination of other camera types to a single MX Bridge. If you want to integrate multiple V-series camera types in your Vicon MX system, you must use separate MX Bridge units for each camera type.

The MX Bridge is a 1U unit that can be rack-, wall-, or floor-mounted and stacked either horizontally or vertically.

MX Bridge Front Panel

Figure 6-1 illustrates the front panel of the MX Bridge.



Figure 2-1: MX Bridge front panel

A group of six LED status indicators on the front panel provide feedback on the status of each of the three camera channels (camera channels 1-3 from left to right of the front panel). Within this group of six LED status indicators are the following:

- **MX Ethernet Network Status Lights**

The vertically aligned status lights are green LEDs for standard Ethernet status indicators (from top to bottom):

- **Tx** – Transmit
LED is lit when the MX Ethernet network is capable of transmitting data.
- **Rx** – Receive
LED flashes when receiving data and communications from the MX Ethernet network. The frequency of the flashes varies with the amount of network traffic.
- **Col** – Collision
LED flashes if a network collision occurs on the MX Ethernet network.

- **Camera Status Indicators**

The horizontally aligned camera status lights provide feedback on the status of the camera and its state within the Vicon software on the host PC.

After the camera is connected, the camera status lights provide the following information (from left to right):

- **Yellow**

LED indicating the camera's enabled state in the Vicon software:

- | | |
|------|---|
| On: | Disabled by the software (e.g. the RealTime Engine has been started, but this camera is not included in the current calibration). |
| Off: | Not disabled by the software. |

- **Green**

LED indicating the camera's connection state in the Vicon software:

- | | |
|-----|-----------------------------|
| On: | Connected and sending data. |
|-----|-----------------------------|

Flashing: Connected but not currently sending data.
 Off: Not connected.

- **Blue**

LED indicating the camera's selection state in the Vicon software:

On: Selected.
 Flashing: Selected as primary.
 Off: Not selected.

MX Bridge Rear Panel

Figure 6-2 illustrates the rear panel of the MX Bridge.



Figure 2-2: MX Bridge rear panel

The rear panel contains the following controls and connection points (from left to right of the rear panel):

- **Camera Select**

Rotary dial to configure the MX Bridge for a particular Vicon camera type:

- 13: MCam2
- 14: VCam/SVCam
- 5: MCam(PAL)
- 6: MCam(NTSC)

For details on these V-series cameras, see [Supported Camera Modes](#) on page 2-4.

- **Analog Camera**

Three sets of connectors for camera channels 1, 2, and 3:

- 12-pin Lemo socket for connecting to an MCam2, VCam, SVCam, MCam(PAL), or MCam(NTSC) camera.
- BNC socket located to the right of the 12-pin Lemo connector for connecting to an MCam camera.

Warning

Do not use the 12-pin Lemo socket to connect an MX Bridge unit to either an MX Net unit or an MX Link unit. Plugging one end of a 12-pin Lemo plug into an **Analog Camera** socket on the rear panel of an MX-Bridge and the other end of the plug into either the **Link Connect** socket on the rear panel of an MX Link or the **Link** socket on the rear panel of an MX Net will result in damage to the units.

- **Net Connect**

10-Pin Lemo socket located to the right of each set of **Analog Camera** connectors. This connects the MX Bridge to an MX Ultranet or an MX Net, which supplies power and synchronization to each connected camera and carries the signal to and from it. For details on these other MX units, see [Chapter 7 MX Net](#) and [Chapter 9 MX Ultranet](#). For details on the MX Ultranet—MX Bridge cable and MX Net—MX Bridge cables, see [Chapter 11 MX Cables](#).

- **External Interface**

9-pin D-type RS-232 serial socket. This provides an interface to the cameras connected to the MX Bridge and is typically used only for factory test purposes.

Supported Camera Modes

Camera-specific cabling connects the supported Vicor cameras to the MX Bridge camera channel inputs (for details, see [Chapter 11 MX Cables](#)). The MX Bridge unit is configured to identify the connected camera type and pass this information to the Vicor application software on the host PC.

The following sections give the performance details for the V-series cameras that can be connected to Vicor MX through an MX Bridge:

- MCam2
- VCam
- SVCam

- MCam(PAL) for PAL video systems
- MCam(NTSC) for NTSC video systems

MX Bridge supports only the camera frame rates supported by the camera itself. All supported frame rates are progressive scan. In all cases the **Camera Select** dial on the rear panel of the MX Bridge must be set to the indicated setting for the camera type (for details on this control, see [MX Bridge Rear Panel](#) on page 2-3). You can specify the frame rates for each camera in the Vicon software. The actual frame rates you can specify depends on the Vicon software you are using. For details, see your software documentation.

Warning

Before adjusting the **Camera Select** dial on the rear of the MX Bridge, you must first disconnect the MX Bridge unit from the Vicon MX system. Failure to do so could result in damage to the camera.

For further details on these cameras, see the hardware user manual for your V-series system or Vicon Online Support (VOS). For details on obtaining information from VOS, see [Appendix G Support Resources](#).

MCam2 Cameras

Table 2-1 illustrates the performance of a Vicon MCam2 camera in a Vicon MX system. The **Camera Select** dial on the rear panel of the MX Bridge must be set to 13 for MCam2 cameras.

Table 2-1: MCam2 camera performance

Performance	Frame Rate (fps)		
	59.94	100	119.88
Resolution (pixels)	1272 H x 1024 V	1266 H x 1024 V	1266 H x 940 V
Aspect Ratio	5:4	5:4	4:3
Usable sensor size (mm)	15.26 h x 12.29 v	15.19 h x 12.29 v	15.19 h x 11.28 v
Shuttered	Yes	Yes	Yes
Sensor Type	CMOS	CMOS	CMOS
	250	500	1000
Resolution (pixels)	816 H x 656 V	498 H x 480 V	498 H x 210 V
Aspect Ratio	5:4	1:1	5:2
Usable sensor size (mm)	9.79 h x 7.87 v	5.97 h x 5.76 v	5.97 h x 2.52 v

Table 2-1: MCam2 camera performance

Performance	Frame Rate (fps)		
	59.94	100	119.88
Shuttered	Yes	Yes	Yes
Sensor Type	CMOS	CMOS	CMOS

In Vicon MX, you can control the intensity of the image from a Vicon camera using the **Gain** slider in the Vicon application software. The software **Gain** slider can be set to a factor of 1-4.

When using an MCam2 camera connected through an MX Bridge, you can also use the **Control** dial on the rear panel of the camera to set the camera gain. The camera **Control** dial can be set to Low, Medium, or High gain settings, which are equivalent to factors 1, 2, and 3 on the software **Gain** slider.

In Vicon MX, these settings work in series, so the camera gain setting is multiplied by the software gain factor. For example, if you set the camera gain setting to 2 and then set the software gain factor to 2, the total gain is 4. The maximum total gain must not exceed a value of 4.

VCam/SVCam Cameras

Table 2-2 illustrates the performance of a Vicon VCam/ SVCam camera in a Vicon MX system. The **Camera Select** dial on the rear panel of the MX Bridge must be set to 14 for VCam/SVCam cameras.

Table 2-2: VCam/SVCam camera performance

Performance	Frame Rate (fps)			
	100	119.88	150	200
Resolution (pixels)	648 H x 493 V	648 H x 493 V	648 H x 493 V	648 H x 493 V
Aspect Ratio	4:3	4:3	4:3	4:3
Usable sensor size (mm)	6.42 h x 4.88 v	6.42 h x 4.88 v	6.42 h x 4.88 v	6.42 h x 4.88 v
Shuttered	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Sensor Type	CMOS	CMOS	CMOS	CMOS

MCam(PAL) Cameras

Table 2-3 illustrates the performance of a Vicon MCam(PAL) camera for PAL video systems in a Vicon MX system. The **Camera Select** dial on the rear panel of the MX Bridge must be set to 5 for MCam(PAL) cameras.

Table 2-3: MCam(PAL) camera performance

Performance	Frame Rate (fps)	
	50	100
Resolution (pixels)	1011 H x 1024 V	1000 H x 972 V
Aspect Ratio	1:1	1:1
Usable sensor size (mm)	10.11 h x 10.24 v	10.00 h x 9.72 v
Shuttered	No	No
Sensor Type	CMOS	CMOS

MCam(NTSC) Cameras

Table 2-4 illustrates the performance of a Vicon MCam(NTSC) camera for NTSC video systems in a Vicon MX system. The **Camera Select** dial on the rear panel of the MX Bridge must be set to 6 for MCam(NTSC) cameras.

Table 2-4: MCam(NTSC) camera performance

Performance	Frame Rate (fps)	
	59.94	119.88
Resolution (pixels)	1012 H x 987 V	947 H x 881 V
Aspect Ratio	1:1	1:1
Usable sensor size (mm)	10.12 h x 9.87 v	9.47 h x 8.81 v
Shuttered	No	No
Sensor Type	CMOS	CMOS

This chapter describes the MX+ and MX cameras, including associated strobe units, connectors, and cables.

Warning

There are no internal operator adjustments inside any components of the MX cameras. Refer servicing to qualified personnel.

Camera Types

Vicon MX has a single camera hardware design that consists of a distinct video camera, a strobe head unit, a suitable lens, optical filter, and cables as shown in Figure 3-1.



Figure 3-1: Vicon MX+ camera and Vicon MX camera

This single hardware design can be built with different types of sensor and strobe units to create a range of MX+ and MX cameras with different resolutions:

- **MX40+** and **MX40** (4 Megapixels)
- **MX20+** (2 Megapixels)
- **MX13+** and **MX13** (1.3 Megapixels)
- **MX3+** and **MX3** (0.3 Megapixels)

Important

If you are integrating Vicon MCam2, VCam, SVCam, MCam(PAL), or MCam(NTSC) cameras supported previously by Vicon V-series systems, see [Chapter 2 MX Bridge](#) for details on those cameras.

All cameras are high-quality devices, fitted with sensitive solid-state sensors. Vicor Motion Systems subjects its cameras to stringent checks for linearity, sensitivity, and absence of jitter.

All MX cameras provide high-speed and low-latency motion capture. You can combine the different types of MX camera within a single Vicor MX system to meet your application requirements for resolution and/or coverage. The MX40+ and MX40 cameras offer the highest resolution of the MX cameras. The MX3+ and MX3 cameras can provide higher camera counts within a fixed budget, giving increased coverage.

Each MX camera is programmed with firmware to control its operation and enable it to perform its own onboard grayscale processing. As all MX cameras use the same firmware, a mixture of cameras with different image sensors can be connected to and run on the same Vicor MX system. Vicor MX automatically recognizes cameras and their relevant characteristics when they are plugged in. Vicor MX's distributed architecture enables the camera software to be updated across the system network.

Table 3-1 illustrates the performance of each MX camera type.

Table 3-1: MX camera performance

Performance	MX40+ / MX40	MX20+	MX13+ / MX13	MX3+ / MX3
Resolution (pixels)	2352 H x 1728 V	1600 H x 1280 V	1280 H x 1024 V	659 H x 494 V
Maximum Frame Rate (fps) at full resolution	160	219	482	242
Aspect Ratio	4:3	5:4	5:4	4:3
Sensor Size (Megapixels)	4	2	1.3	0.3
Sensor size (mm)	16.5 h x 12.1 v	11.20 h x 8.96 v	15.4 h x 12.3 v	6.5 h x 4.9 v
Shuttered	No	No	Yes	Yes
Sensor Type	CMOS	CMOS	CMOS	CMOS
VGA Monitor Mode	85.1 kHz h x 48 Hz v	Not Available	60 kHz h x 50 Hz v	60 kHz h x 100 Hz v

Performance Notes:

- **Shuttering:** The image quality from a shuttered camera is constant across all frame rates. For an unshuttered camera, which is more susceptible to background light levels, narrow bandwidth interference filters are used to provide a signal to noise ratio performance comparable to the shuttered cameras. Factors such as strobe illumination, field of view, and depth of field also affect the image quality. For details of which cameras are shuttered or not, see Table 3-1 on page 3-2. For further details on how to work with these factors, see [Camera Lenses](#) on page 3-4.
- **Monitor Mode:** The camera frame rate that monitor mode runs at is fixed. This mode enables you to use a VGA monitor as a view finder for the camera; motion capture is not performed in this mode. For details, see [VGA Monitor \(MX+ and MX\)](#) on page 3-12.
- **Increased Frame Rates:** You can specify higher frame rates than those shown in Table 3-1 on page 3-2. However, at higher frequencies, the MX cameras automatically reduce the image size (vertical windowing). For details, see [Field of View](#) on page 3-4.

You can specify the capture frame rate of each MX camera in the Vicon software. MX cameras are capable of capturing up to a maximum of 2,000 fps, but the actual frame rate you can specify depends on the Vicon application software you are using. For details, see your software documentation.

- **Grayscale Precision:** MX cameras evaluate an entire image in grayscale, rather than applying a black and white threshold. This provides more information and increases motion measurement accuracy over an equivalent resolution black and white camera.

The MX cameras perform the majority of data processing. They generate grayscale blobs for reflections from objects in the capture volume and then use centroid-fitting algorithms to determine which of these objects are likely to be markers. MX camera data is sent to Vicon application software for viewing and further processing. For details, see your software documentation.

- **Bandwidth:** Even with the elimination of background grayscale through thresholding, MX performance will be limited in real time by the number of cameras, number of markers, and the frame rate. MX data capture to disk is limited by the time it takes to write the data to disk as no buffering outside the host PC is available. You can configure the buffering of MX data at the time of capture. You do this in the Vicon software on the host PC. For details, see

the software documentation.

- **Synchronization:** Cameras are automatically assigned master (controlling device) or subordinate (controlled device) status. Each Vicon MX system has only one master device, which provides the synchronization to the rest of the system and is established automatically during system booting. The master device is an MX Camera, or an MX Ultramet if present, or an MX Control if present. For details on system synchronization by the MX Control, see [Chapter 4 MX Control](#).

Camera Lenses

The function of the camera lens is to collect reflected light from a scene and form a focused image on the camera's sensor plane. The type of lens that will provide optimum performance for a particular application depends on various factors, including the field of view (FOV), the aperture, and any lens filter fitted.

Important

Vicon Motion Systems has a policy of only using the best quality lenses with its cameras. Should you need to change lenses, please refer to Vicon Motion Systems or your nearest agent or distributor for advice.

A variety of small and large format C-mount lenses as well as SLR (Nikon Bayonet) lenses are available for MX cameras. For details on MX camera specifications, see [Appendix D Technical Specifications](#).

Field of View

The most important factor in determining the lens to use with a Vicon MX camera is the total area the camera can see using a given lens. This is called the Field of View (FOV).

The scene that comprises the FOV has horizontal width (H) and vertical height (V). Knowing the distance (L) between the camera and a plane that defines the total FOV helps to select the type of lens to meet a particular application.

Lenses are described in terms of their focal length (f), defined as the distance in millimeters that the center of the lens must be from the sensor plane surface to project a sharp image on the sensor. The focal length of a lens is often given on the body of the lens or around the surround of the glass element at the front of the lens as well as on the lens documentation and packaging.

The focal length determines the angle of view (AOV) through the lens, as shown in Figure 3-2.

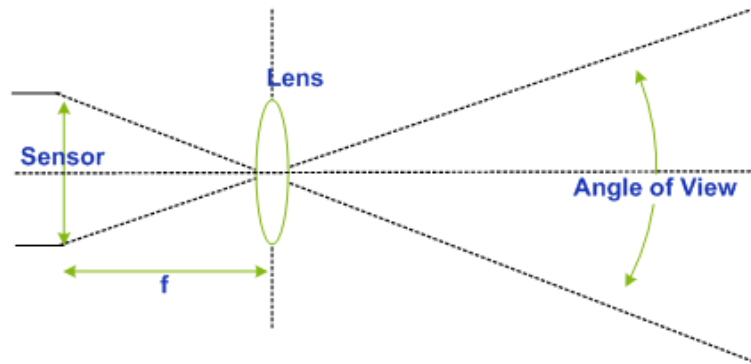


Figure 3-2: Angle of View calculation

Normally, the AOV is calculated based on the known focal length and sensor size. This in turn determines the FOV, based on the distance (L) to the object being captured. Figure 3-3 illustrates how the FOV is calculated.

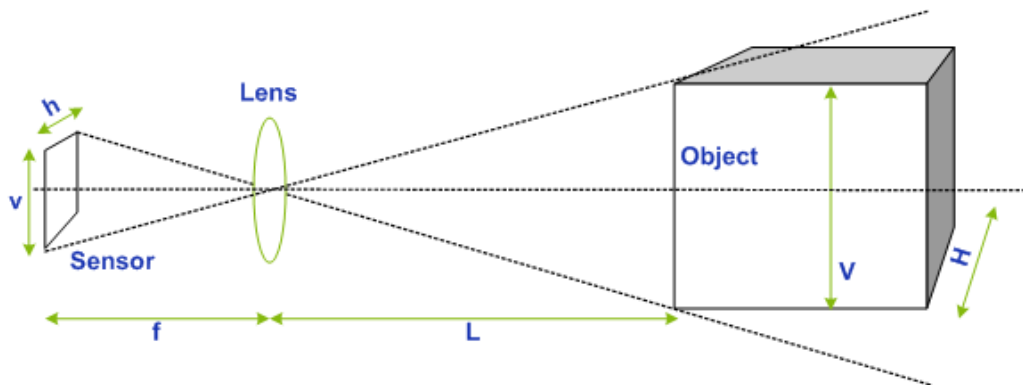


Figure 3-3: Field of View calculation

The sensor area used for capturing data through each MX camera determines the maximum FOV available for a particular combination of camera and lens. The area of the sensor is determined by its horizontal width (h) and vertical height (v).

The capture frame rate for each MX camera can be configured in the Vicon application software (for details, see the software documentation). The configured frame rate will also affect the field of view. Higher camera frame rates may make vertical windowing of the sensor necessary such that the sensor area used for capture is reduced in comparison to lower camera frame rates.

Another characteristic of the camera sensor is the image circle. This is the sharp circular image that the camera lens casts onto the sensor, as shown in Figure 3-4.

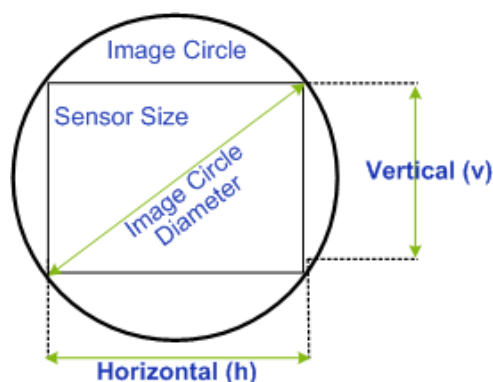


Figure 3-4: Image circle

The diameter of this image circle is the maximum area of usable quality image that the lens can produce. Most lenses produce their best image at the center of the lens, dropping off in performance towards the outer extremes of the lens. This results in a gradual darkening of the image towards the corners of the image, known as vignetting. Theoretically, vignetting gets worse for wider angle lenses and for wider open apertures, but the area at which vignetting starts to occur depends on the lens.

Thus for optimum performance, the image circle projected should be larger than the sensor area used by the camera. This ensures that the entire sensor is utilized and eliminates the fall-off of light that occurs towards the edge of the image circle. If the image circle of a lens is too small for the sensor size, then the camera image around the edges

and corners is lost. MX cameras are fitted with lenses that have an appropriately sized image circle for the sensor.

If you wish to change the supplied lens, you must consider the sensor size of the new lens. Even if the focal length of the new lens is the same, a different sensor size will produce a different field of view. For example, the sensor sizes of C-Mount lenses are specified in formats of 1", 2/3", 1/2", 1/3", and 1/4", which reflect a ratio of 1:0.69:0.5:0.38:0.25. Thus, a 1/2" format is 50% of a 1" format, a 1/3" format is 75% of a 1/2" format, and so on. For guidance on the necessary image circle diameter for a specific sensor format, see details on the MX camera lens specifications in [Appendix D Technical Specifications](#).

Table 3-2 gives the formulae used to calculate the angle of view (AOV) and field of view (FOV) for camera and lens combinations. These formulae require the dimensions of the sensor area used for each of the MX cameras at different frequencies.

Table 3-2: AOV and FOV formulae

Horizontal AOV (°)	Vertical AOV (°)	Horizontal FOV Width H (m)	Vertical FOV Height V (m)
$2 \times \tan^{-1} (h/2f)$	$2 \times \tan^{-1} (v/2f)$	$h \times L/f$	$v \times L/f$

where:

f = focal length of the lens (mm)

h = horizontal width of sensor (mm) (see [Sensor size](#) entry in Table 3-1 on page 3-2)

v = vertical height of sensor (mm) (see [Sensor size](#) entry in Table 3-1 on page 3-2)

L = distance from the lens to the object (m)

As an example, consider an MX40+ camera with a 20 mm lens operating at 160 Hz at a distance of 9 m from the target markers:

- Horizontal AOV would be:
 $2 \times \tan^{-1} (16.5/40) = 44.8^\circ$
- Vertical AOV would be:
 $2 \times \tan^{-1} (12.1/40) = 33.7^\circ$

- Horizontal FOV at 9m would be:
 $16.5 \times (9/20) = 7.43 \text{ m}$
- Vertical FOV at 9m would be:
 $12.1 \times (9/20) = 5.44 \text{ m}$

Important

These formulae take into account only the optical components of the camera and lens, thus they calculate the maximum possible theoretical Field of View from this combination. Poor illumination of the volume by camera strobes, less than optimal aperture or gain settings, or poor marker surface quality might all reduce the FOV in which a camera can recognize a marker below this maximum theoretical level.

Please note when using these formulae that frequencies above the full-resolution frequencies given in Table 3-1 on page 3-2, the sensor area is reduced due to vertical windowing, as described in [Field of View](#) on page 3-4.

Aperture and Depth of Field

Another significant factor in choosing a lens type is the aperture (also known as the f-stop value, f-number, and F#), which refers to the speed with which the lens can pass light in a given time.

The aperture is the ratio of the focal length of the lens to the diameter of the lens opening, which determines the amount of light that can pass through the lens in a given time. Smaller f-stop values (e.g. f2, f2.8) represent wider apertures that allow more light to pass through, while larger f-stop values (e.g. f11, f16, f22) represent narrower apertures that allow less light to pass through. Typically, faster lenses have larger diameter optics that can pass more light.

Each f-stop value changes the lens opening from the next f-stop by a factor of 2. For example, decreasing the aperture from f11 to f8 allows twice as much light to pass through. Increasing the aperture from f11 to f16 allows half as much light to pass through.

The aperture and magnification affect the depth of field, that is, the portion of the image that has sharp focus. Immediately surrounding this area, there is a region in which the image remains in focus. Outside of this area, moving towards or away from the lens, the focus becomes progressively less sharp and the image appears out of focus.

Thus, as the aperture and focal length decrease, the depth of field increases. Conversely, as the aperture and focal length increase, the depth of field decreases.

Camera Lens Filters

In order to optimize the performance of the MX cameras, each lens is fitted with an optical filter to attenuate wavelengths of light other than those emitted by the light emitting diodes (LEDs) in the MX strobe unit and reflected back from the markers to the camera.

Shuttered MX cameras (see Table 3-1 on page 3-2) are less susceptible to interference from background light levels. These cameras are fitted as standard with low-pass absorptive filters (allowing low-frequency light to pass) appropriate for each of the Visible Red (VR), Near Infrared (NIR), and Infrared (IR) strobe units available (for details, see [Camera Strobe Units](#) on page 3-14).

Unshuttered MX cameras (see Table 3-1 on page 3-2) are potentially more susceptible to background light. Therefore, a more restrictive band-pass interference filter is fitted as standard to the these cameras, appropriate for each of the VR, NIR, and IR strobe units available. When using an unshuttered MX camera under well-controlled lighting conditions, it may be appropriate to replace this band-pass interference filter with a low-pass absorptive filter to maximize the amount of strobe light returned to the camera sensor.

Camera Controls and Connectors

This section describes the physical structure of Vicon MX cameras and the connections and cables that are used to connect them to other system components.

Vicon MX cameras have been designed to consolidate all video and strobe functions in a single unit and to automatically set strobe durations and video frame rates directly from the Vicon software on the host PC.

MX+ and MX Camera Rear Panels

Figure 3-5 shows the camera controls on the rear panel of an MX+ camera.



Figure 3-5: MX+ Camera rear panel

Figure 3-6 shows the camera controls on the rear panel of an MX camera.



Figure 3-6: MX Camera rear panel

The rear panel contains the following controls and connection points (differences between MX+ and MX cameras are identified):

- **System (MX+)**
9-pin D-type RS-232 Serial Interface and power. This is reserved for Vicon production and testing; no customer connections are required.
- **External Interface (MX)**
4-Pin Lemo RS-232 Serial Interface and power. This is reserved for Vicon production and testing; no customer connections are required.

- **VGA Monitor (MX+ and MX)**

15-pin VGA connector for fixed-frequency output to a VGA monitor. The VGA monitor must be able to display the range of frequencies listed in the entry for the VGA Monitor Mode entry in Table 3-1 on page 3-2.

A VGA monitor was used in Vicon V-series systems primarily for focusing an individual camera on an object other than a marker. In Vicon MX systems, focusing is typically done while viewing grayscale data for markers in the Vicon application software: for example in a Live Monitor window (and optionally Preview mode) in Workstation, or in a Camera view pane or a Fullscreen Preview view pane in Vicon Nexus and Vicon iQ. You can zoom in on an image viewed through the Live Monitor or a Camera view pane, which you cannot do with a VGA monitor.

The MX cameras automatically start in monitor mode during system boot up, but switch this mode off once connected to the Vicon application software. If you wish to use this VGA Monitor connector, you must either:

- Ensure that the cameras are not connected to the Vicon application software during system start up.
- Manually switch on monitor mode from the Vicon application software.

Once monitor mode is switched on, the MX camera automatically changes its frame rate to match that in Table 3-1 on page 3-2 and starts sending data to the connected VGA monitor. The camera remains in this mode until you either manually switch off monitor mode or reboot the camera from the Vicon application software. If you fail to switch off monitor mode, the frame rate of this camera may be out of synch with other MX cameras in the system.

For details on switching monitor mode on and off and on viewing grayscale data, see the documentation for your Vicon application software. For details on focusing MX cameras, see [Appendix C MX Camera Lens Focusing](#).

- **Net Connect (MX+)**

8-Pin female Lemo connector. This connects to the MX Ultranet, which supplies power and synchronization to the camera and carries the signal to and from it.

- **Net Connect (MX)**

10-Pin female Lemo connector. This connects to the MX Net, which supplies power and synchronization to the camera and carries the signal to and from it.

- **MX Ethernet Network Status Lights**

Standard Ethernet status indicators:

- **Tx** – Transmit (MX+ and MX)

LED is lit when the MX Ethernet network is capable of transmitting data.

- **Rx** – Receive (MX+ and MX)

LED flashes when receiving data and communications from the MX Ethernet network. The frequency of the flashes varies with the amount of network traffic.

- **Col** – Collision (MX only)

LED flashes if a network collision occurs on the MX Ethernet network.

- **Control (MX only)**

10-position rotary control. This control is reserved for future use.

Camera Lens Mount

All Vicon MX cameras have a C-Mount lens connection. The lens is secured in place by a locking ring that can be tightened and loosened using the lever rods protruding on either side. SLR lens types are attached to a Vicon MX camera using the supplied connection adaptor.

Tripod Mount

The underside of the camera body contains a mounting plate, which has a 1/4"-20UNC threaded hole in its center. This is designed to match the common thread found on most tripod and wall mount fixing screws. For safety and optimum performance, you are strongly recommended to use with Vicon MX only tripods and wall mounts that Vicon Motion Systems has specified as suitable.

Camera Strobe Units

The strobe unit attached to the front of an MX camera are configured with LEDs (Light Emitting Diodes), which illuminate the capture volume. The strobe unit generates a bright flash of light, which illuminates the markers (coated with a highly retroreflective material) attached to the subject, and which coincides with the time the camera's shutter (if present) is open. The reflected strobe light passes through an optical filter with a spectral response such that only light with the same characteristics as the strobe passes into the lens. The lens collects the light and forms a focused image of the markers on the camera's sensor plane. The camera electronically converts the pattern of light into data that represents the position and radius of each marker in the image. For details on the filters supplied with each strobe unit, see [Camera Lens Filters](#) on page 3-9.

The MX+ camera strobe unit, shown in Figure 3-7, uses surface-mount LEDs. These have a wide illumination angle and are all aligned forwards, giving even illumination across the volume without the need to manually optimize the LEDs. These strobe units are available in Visible Red (VR) and Near Infrared (NIR) versions.



Figure 3-7: Strobe unit (MX+)

The MX camera strobe unit, shown in Figure 3-8, uses through-hole LEDs. These have a narrower illumination angle than the surface-mount LEDs and require manual bending of the LEDs to optimize the

illumination of the capture volume. These strobe units are available in Visible Red (VR), Near Infrared (NIR), and Infrared (IR) versions.



Figure 3-8: Strobe unit (MX)

Warning

Do not look directly at the source when an NIR or IR strobe unit is in operation.

Strobe Unit Connections

Each strobe unit connects to the front of the MX Camera via a 6-pin Lemo connector (for details on this connection, see [Chapter 11 MX Cables](#)). Each strobe unit is mounted on two rods that pass through the body of the camera. The rods are fixed in position in the camera body with a thumbscrew on either side.

Strobe Unit Status Indicators

The status lights on the lower right of the strobe unit front panel provide feedback on the status of that camera and its state within the Vicon software on the host PC.

The following sections describe the standard functionality for all Vicon application software and the functionality specific to particular applications.

Standard Functionality

After the camera is connected, the strobe unit status lights provide the following information (from left to right):

- **Yellow**

LED indicating the camera's enabled state in the Vicon application software:

On: Disabled by the software (e.g. the RealTime Engine has been started, but this camera is not included in the current calibration).

Off: Not disabled by the software.

- **Green**

LED indicating the camera's connection state in the Vicon application software:

On: Connected and sending data.

Flashing: Connected but not currently sending data.

Off: Not connected.

- **Blue**

LED indicating the camera's selection state in the Vicon application software:

On: Selected.

Flashing: Selected as primary.

Off: Not selected.

For details on the status of the camera's state within the software, see the documentation for your Vicon application software.

Vicon Application Software Functionality

In addition to the standard functionality described in the previous section, in some Vicon application software, such as Nexus and Vicon iQ, these strobe unit status lights provide process feedback. For further information, see the documentation for your Vicon application software.

Volume Calibration

During the **Calibrate Cameras** process, the strobe unit status lights provide the following information when the **Start Wand Wave** button is pressed and when the **Stop Wand Wave** button is pressed:

- **Green**

On: During wand wave: Sufficient calibration wand data has been collected.

After wand wave: Final calibration status of Good or Awesome

Off: Calibration not complete.

- **Yellow**

On: After wand wave: Final calibration status of OK or Good.

Flashing: During wand wave: Collecting calibration wand data. The flashing frequency increases until sufficient data has been collected.

After wand wave: Final calibration status of Dropped or Bad.

Off: Sufficient calibration wand data has been collected.

- **Blue**

LED continues to indicate the camera's selection state in the Vicon software:

On: Selected.

Flashing: Selected as primary.

Off: Not selected.

Calibration Health Check

After the Calibration Health Check process, the strobe unit status lights reflect the results:

- **Green**

On: Both the **RMS Distance** status and the **Prop Unassigned** status are good.

Off: Calibration Health Check is not complete, or if the status of one or more of is good.

- **Yellow**

On: Either the **RMS Distance** status is poor or the **Prop Unassigned** status is high.

Flashing: The **RMS Distance** status is poor and the **Prop Unassigned** status is high.

Off: Calibration Health Check is not complete, or the status for both is good.

- **Blue**

LED continues to indicate the camera's selection state in the Vicon software:

On: Selected.

Flashing: Selected as primary.

Off: Not selected.

Camera Reordering

During a Reorder Cameras process, this strobe unit status light indicates the camera selection:

- **Blue**

Flashing: Camera selected for reordering.

Strobe Unit Function Indicator (NIR and IR)

The strobe function indicator at the top of the ring of infrared diodes on NIR and IR MX strobe units with through-hole LEDs provides feedback on the status of the strobe lights. For MX+ strobe units with surface-mount LEDs, this status information is available through the Vicon application software.

The strobe unit function light provides the following information:

- **Green**

Small, visible LED indicating all infrared diode segments are functioning normally.

- **Red**

Small, visible LED indicating the strobe or its drive feed from the camera is faulty.

This chapter describes the physical structure of the MX Control, including its connections to other Vicon MX components.

The MX Control provides the interface between Vicon MX and third-party capture devices, such as force plates, electromyography (EMG) equipment, audio, and other digital devices. It can contain option cards to enhance the functionality of Vicon MX.

The MX Control is optional in a Vicon MX architecture. It connects to an MX Ultranet or an MX Net in the same way as an MX camera, with the same physical connector, cables, and signals. The Vicon software on the host PC is able to determine that the MX Control is not a camera.

Important

You can include only a single MX Control within a Vicon MX architecture that contains Vicon Workstation application software.

If included in the system, the MX Control provides the master synchronization of the system; if it is not present, an MX Ultranet or one of the MX cameras provides the master synchronization (for details, see [Chapter 9 MX Ultranet](#) or [Chapter 3 MX Cameras](#)).

The MX Control is a 1U unit that can be rack-, wall-, or floor-mounted and stacked either horizontally or vertically.

MX Control Front Panel

Figure 4-1 illustrates the front panel of the MX Control.



Figure 4-1: MX Control front panel

The front panel contains the following LED status indicators and controls (from left to right of the unit):

- **PWR**

Blue LED is lit when the MX Control is on and receiving power, or off if it is disconnected from the MX Net or if the MX Net is turned off.

- **MX Ethernet Network Status Lights**

Green LEDs for standard Ethernet status indicators:

- **Tx** – Transmit

LED is lit when the MX Ethernet network is capable of transmitting data.

- **Rx** – Receive

LED flashes when receiving data and communications from the MX Ethernet network. The frequency of the flashes varies with the amount of network traffic.

- **Col** – Collision

LED flashes if a network collision occurs on the MX Ethernet network.

- **MX Control menu system**

LCD display and controls to navigate a hierarchical menu system to view settings and monitor MX Control functions:

- 2-line 24-character alphanumeric LCD display

Displays selected menus, sub menus, and current values.

- **Select** dial

Turns to navigate the menu system. Pushes in to accept the selected menu or sub menu.

- **Menu** button

Cancels a selection or returns to the previous menu.

Figure 4-2 shows the full navigation path of the MX Control menu system.

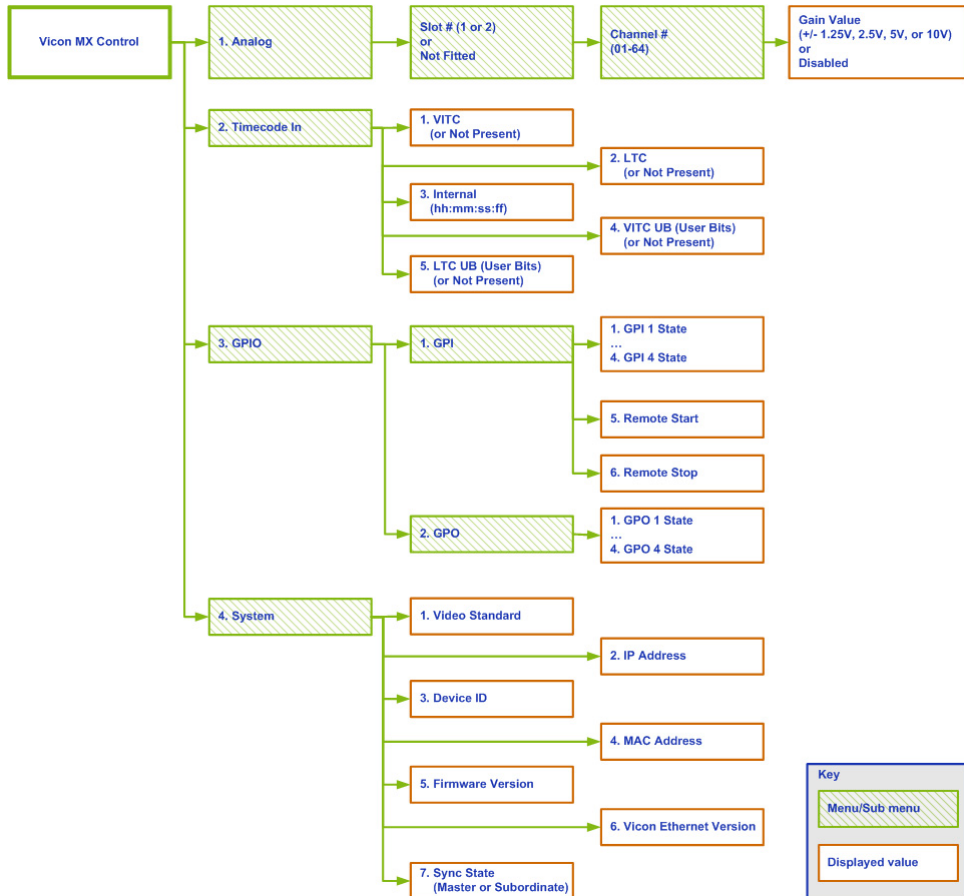


Figure 4-2: MX Control menu system navigation path

Important

You can view the IP address assigned to the MX Control under the **System** menu. The MX Net assigns IP addresses to MX cameras and the MX Control in the range 192.168.10.10–192.168.10.254.

MX Control Rear Panel

Figure 4-3 illustrates an example rear panel of an MX Control with the Timecode and Genlock option and two analog ADC option cards installed.

Important

The MX Control does not have a power cable inlet as it is powered by the MX Net.

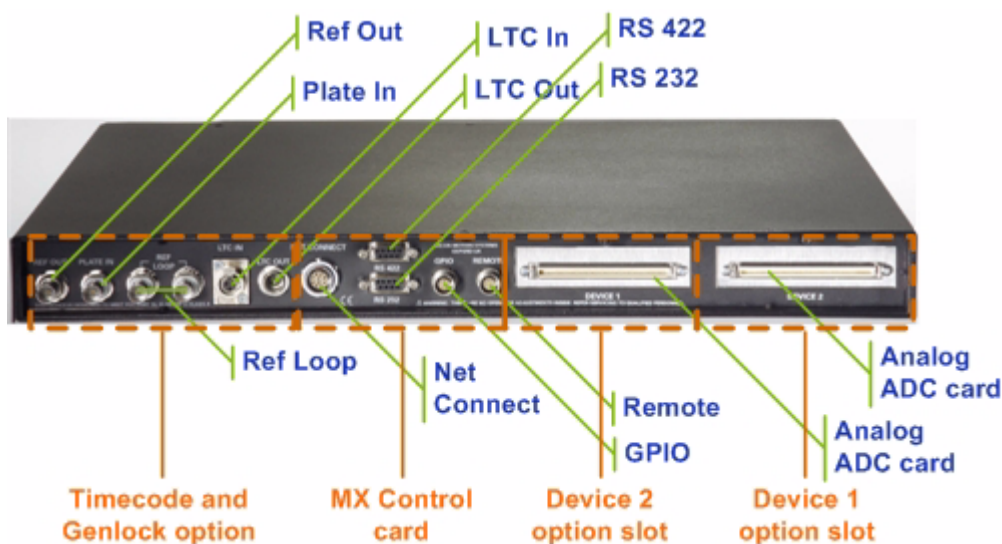


Figure 4-3: Example rear panel of MX Control

The connectors available on the rear panel of your MX Control depend upon the specific Vicon MX system you have ordered. This section outlines all of the standard connectors as well as those that are available for the different MX Control options:

- [Timecode and Genlock Option Connectors](#) on page 4-5
- [MX Control Standard Connectors](#) on page 4-9
- [Device 1 and Device 2 Option Connectors](#) on page 4-11

In this book, the terms socket and plug are used for female and male connectors respectively.

Timecode and Genlock Option Connectors

The rear panel of the MX Control contains the following connectors for the Timecode and Genlock option (from left to right of the unit):

- **Ref Out**

BNC socket for external broadcast video sources, such as a Video Tape Recorder (VTR) or other video equipment, to which the MX Control sends outgoing video signals that have been modified by the Timecode or Video Burn-in Window functions.

- **Plate In**

BNC socket for external video sources from which the MX Control receives incoming video signals—a background film scene that requires a specific movement of a computer-generated character to be accurately timed relative to that scene—that can be used by the Video Burn-in Window function. The external video source must also be plugged in to the **Ref Loop** socket, and the MX Control must be genlocked to this external source.

- **Ref Loop**

BNC socket for external video sources from which the MX Control receives a composite video signal—which may include VITC (Vertical Interval Timecode)—from the master video source, which it then can pass to other devices in a chain. The MX Control must be genlocked to this external video source.

- **LTC In**

Mini-XLR socket for external video sources with LTC (Longitudinal Timecode) from which the MX Control receives timecode data.

- **LTC Out**

Mini-XLR plug for transmitting timecode data to a third-party audio or video device. Associated video may be external video source, plate video, or internal video.

Timecode and Genlock Option Functionality

The following sections describe the functionality that the Timecode and Genlock option for the MX Control supports for connecting to external video sources:

- [Genlock](#)
- [Timecode](#)
- [Frame Count](#) on page 4-8
- [Video Burn-in Window](#) on page 4-8

Genlock

From the Vicon software on the host PC, you can configure the MX Control to genlock to an external PAL, SECAM, or NTSC video source that is plugged in to a Ref Loop socket. Genlock synchronizes the MX cameras to the scan rate of the incoming video signal. This includes support for the automatic uplock from lower-speed broadcast cameras to Vicon's higher-speed motion capture cameras. You can configure whether this Genlock functionality is enabled in your Vicon application software.

If no external video sources are connected, MX Control assumes that it is to act as the synchronization master for the system.

Important

Video sourced from a non time-base corrected VCR may cause problems due to the wide jitter bandwidth necessary to reliably lock the MX Control.

Timecode

From the Vicon software on the host PC, you can configure the MX Control to trigger from or be time-stamped from VITC (Vertical Interval Timecode) or LTC (Longitudinal Timecode) that is plugged in to a Ref Loop socket. Timecode is a time signature that is present in video or audio signals to provide positional information (i.e. time and frame details) on magnetic videotape. Each frame has its own unique timecode number.

Vicon MX supports forms of timecode that correspond with the different frame rate requirements around the world:

- **EBU (European Broadcasting Union):** Based on cameras operating at a multiple of 25 Hz. In this [Vicon MX Hardware](#)

System Reference book, the term EBU is used interchangeably with the following terms:

- PAL (Phase Alternating Line), which is the color standard used in Europe, except France.
- SECAM (Sequential Couleur avec Mémoire), which is the color standard used in France, the Middle East, and most of Eastern Europe.
- CCIR (Consultative Committee for International Radio), which is the black and white standard
- **SMPTE (Society of Motion Picture & Television Engineers):** Based on cameras operating at a multiple of 29.97 Hz. In this *Vicon MX Hardware System Reference* book, the term SMPTE is used interchangeably with the following terms:
 - NTSC (National Television System Committee), which is the color standard used in the United States.
 - EIA (Electronic Industry Association), which is the black and white standard.

For each of the EBU and SMPTE formats, MX Control supports the use of both LTC and VITC forms of timecode:

- LTC signal characteristics are compatible with standard audio channels so that they can be recorded onto audio tape tracks or to an audio track on video tape.
- VITC is encoded directly into the video tracks, picked up by the helical scan heads on a Video Cassette Recorder (VCR), and then output on the video signal. This means that even if the VCR is in a pause or slow mode, the VITC can still be read.

The MX Control can synchronize timecode with LTC devices plugged in to the LTC In socket or for VITC devices plugged in to a Ref Loop socket. The MX Control also can act as a master timecode generator for LTC devices connected to the LTC Out plug or to VITC devices plugged in to the Ref Out socket.

For each video frame, timecode is encoded into the video signal as a unique 8-digit code number based on a 24-hour clock in hours, minutes, and seconds along with a frame number.

Standard timecode format is:

hh:mm:ss:ff

where:

hh =hours (00-23)

mm =minutes (00-59)

ss =seconds (00-59)

ff =frames (00-24 for PAL/SECAM, 00-29 for NTSC)

For NTSC, the separator character changes between a colon (:) for non-drop frames and a semicolon (;) for drop frames.

Vicon MX reads the sequential timecode along with video, audio, and Vicon raw (X2D) data, which you can use to locate a precise reference point for editing your data. This timecode information also can be used to synchronize Vicon MX with external recording equipment.

Timecode Triggering

From the Vicon software on the host PC, you can configure Timecode triggering to automatically have the MX Control start and/or stop data capture based on the timecode.

This is useful, for example, if your application uses a background plate (film scene) that requires a specific movement of a computer-generated character to be accurately timed relative to that plate. You can set the data capture start time to the same timecode as the plate's Action time and trigger the capture process. The MX Control then starts the capture when the specified timecode is reached.

Frame Count

The MX Control generates a frame count for each frame of data Vicon MX captures during a trial. You can use this frame count to locate a precise reference point in your captured data. The MX Control resets its internal frame counter to zero at the start of each trial capture and increments the count for each captured frame.

Video Burn-in Window

From the Vicon software on the host PC, you can configure the Video Burn-in Window to embed a display of either the current timecode or frame count into the video output signal. The MX Control reads the timecode from an incoming video signal, or if it is acting as the master timecode generator for Vicon MX and other devices, it generates LTC or VITC timecode (you can set the current timecode in the Vicon software). In either case, it can generate its own frame count.

The Video Burn-in Window embeds timecode or frame count information in standard `hh:mm:ss:ff` format. For frame count, ignore the colon separators. You can specify the position, size, and appearance of the display created by the Video Burn-in Window to suit your output source.

The Video Burn-in Window embeds the timecode or frame count in the video output signal as follows:

- If the MX Control is genlocked to an external video source plugged in to a Ref Loop socket, the MX Control applies the burn-in window (timecode or frame count) to the composite video signal or plate video and then sends the modified signal to other video devices via the Ref Out plug.
- If the MX Control is not genlocked to an external video source, the MX Control generates its own black video image with the burn-in window (frame count) and sends it to other video devices via the Ref Out plug.
- If the MX Control is acting as the master timecode generator for the MX system and other devices, the MX Control can overlay its internally generated VITC timecode onto an input video or internally generated black video image and sends it out via the Ref Out plug.

For information on connecting third-party devices to this card, see [Appendix A MX Control Card Configuration](#). For information on configuring Vicon software on the host PC to use Genlock, Timecode, and Burn-in Window functionality, see the software documentation.

MX Control Standard Connectors

The following sections describe the standard connectors on the rear panel of the MX Control (from left to right of the unit):

- **Net Connect**
10-Pin Lemo socket for connecting the MX Control to an MX Ultranet or MX Net. For details, see [Chapter 7 MX Net](#) and [Chapter 9 MX Ultranet](#).
- **RS 422**
RS-422 serial socket for general-purpose communications with video tape recorders (VTR).

To use a VTR, you must either create your own plug or use an adaptor to plug into the RS 422 serial port. For details, see [Appendix A MX Control Card Configuration](#).

- **RS 232**

RS-232 serial socket for general-purpose communications with third-party external devices.

To use such a device, you must either create your own plug or use an adaptor to plug into the RS 232 serial port. For details, see [Appendix A MX Control Card Configuration](#).

- **GPIO**

8-pin Lemo socket for additional general purpose input and output with third-party external devices. This enables third-party devices to interact with Vicon MX, and Vicon MX to trigger external devices.

To use such a device, you must either:

- Create your own interface with the GPIO port and use it to connect the MX Control directly to the device. For details, see [Appendix A MX Control Card Configuration](#)
- Connect the MX Control to an MX Sync and then connect the MX Sync to the device. For details, see [Chapter 8 MX Sync](#).

- **Remote**

7-pin Lemo socket for external remote-control devices used to remotely trigger data capture on the Vicon MX system or to send synchronization signals.

To use a remote-control device, you must either:

- Create your own external switch or photoelectric sensor to trigger the remote capture. Create your own interface with the Remote port and use it to connect the MX Control directly to the device. For details, see [Appendix A MX Control Card Configuration](#).
- Connect the MX Control to an MX Sync and then connect the MX Sync to the device. For details, see [Chapter 8 MX Sync](#).

Device 1 and Device 2 Option Connectors

The following sections describe the connectors which can be contained in the two device slots on the rear panel of the MX Control:

- **Analog**

100-way socket for third-party devices for capturing analog data such as force plates, electromyography (EMG) equipment, and potentiometers. There can be up to two analog ADC (Analog-to-Digital Converter) cards installed in an MX Control.

To use an analog device, you must connect the analog ADC card in the MX Control to the analog device via the Vicon patch panel using the supplied 100-way cable. You may need to create your own connector to plug your device into the Vicon patch panel. For details, see [Appendix A MX Control Card Configuration](#).

For information on configuring your system for analog data capture, see the documentation for your Vicon software.

- **Audio**

Four RCA sockets for third-party devices for capturing audio data. There can be only one audio ADC card installed in an MX Control within a Vicon MX architecture that contains Vicon Workstation application software.

Caution

For audio input from a microphone, the audio signal must be amplified before being sent to the audio ADC card.

For information on configuring your system for audio data capture, see the documentation for your Vicon software.

Important

The Analog and Audio ADC option cards are the same size. They can be plugged into the Device 1 or Device 2 option slots. The connectors available in your MX Control depend upon the options you ordered for your Vicon MX system. If you want to use an option that was not factory installed in your MX Control, you can order and install additional or replacement MX option cards later. For further details on the different combinations of these cards that you can install in the MX Control to suit your application requirements and instructions on installing them, see [Appendix A MX Control Card Configuration](#).

This chapter describes the host PC used in a Vicon MX architecture. The host PC contains one or more Ethernet ports to enable communications between the Vicon software installed on this host PC and other Vicon MX components.

The host PC is linked to one of an MX Ultranet, an MX Net, or an MX Link. For details on these MX units, see [Chapter 9 MX Ultranet](#), [Chapter 7 MX Net](#), and [Chapter 6 MX Link](#).

General Host PC Specifications

The host PC in your Vicon MX architecture may be supplied by Vicon Motion Systems, or it may be one that you provided yourself. If you are providing your own host PC, the actual equipment specification depends upon your Vicon MX architecture and your application requirements. This section offers some general guidance on PC requirements. Additional details on PC specifications may also be provided in the release documents supplied with your Vicon application software.

Important

The actual specification of the PCs you use in your Vicon system architecture depends on your application requirements.

In all cases, Vicon application software requires a PC with an Intel processor. Since Intel processors are used in Vicon development and testing, Vicon applications are optimized for this processor type.

For further initial guidance, see the answer entitled [PC Specifications and Recommendations for Vicon Software](#) on Vicon Online Support (VOS). For details on using VOS, see [Appendix G Support Resources](#). Your Vicon Sales representative or your nearest agent or distributor can help you to identify the requirements for your specific needs.

Processor speed and memory are the most important factors for system performance. For performance and stability, a fast hard drive and a minimum of 1 GB of RAM is strongly recommended. Hard drive speed and RAM requirements are greater for high camera-count or high marker-count applications.

A high-quality graphics card is required for any PC on which you have installed visualization software that makes high graphics demands, such as output from the Vicon RealTime Engine.

Vicon MX uses Gigabit Ethernet communications, so the host PC requires appropriate cards for local network connection and for the MX system (for details on these requirements, see [Ethernet Port on Host PC](#) on page 5-2).

A DVD with RW/R capability, or a similar storage device or system, is recommended for backing up data.

Depending on your architecture model, you may install Vicon application software and third-party applications on the same PC or on different PCs in a distributed architecture. If you install multiple software applications on the host PC, you will obtain better performance from a dual processor PC.

Ethernet Port on Host PC

A separate, dedicated Ethernet port is required for each MX Ultranet, MX Net, or MX Link connected (this is in addition to any other network ports on the PC). Vicon MX transfers Ethernet data at a minimum of 100 Mbps, so you must use at least a 100Base-T Ethernet card. However, you are recommended to use a Gigabit Ethernet card, supporting data transfer rates up to 1000 Mbps.

Disable all protocols other than TCP/IP (Transmission Control Protocol/ Internet Protocol) for this network adapter card.

The IP address for the card on the host PC must be set to 192.168.10.1 using the default IP address range. After setting the IP address, you must reboot the host PC for the change to take effect. When the system is booted, an IP address in the range 192.168.10.10–192.168.10.254 is assigned to each camera and the MX Control (if present) from the host PC via DHCP (Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol), which centrally manages the assignment of IP addresses. Vicon DHCP will not interact with the DHCP on the local network. This IP address range does not go through routers, so MX data and communications traffic does not affect Internet or other network communications. Vicon MX maintains an internal connection map, which uniquely identifies each IP address with a particular camera. This makes it possible for you to plug active cameras into different MX Ultranet or MX Net ports without having to recalibrate the cameras.

Data is streamed from the camera to the host PC as User Datagram Protocol (UDP) packets. Commands are sent via Telnet to individual cameras and the MX Control (if present), or broadcast using a proprietary protocol to all cameras and the MX Control (if present).

Vicon Software on Host PC

Vicon MX supports the following versions of Vicon application software for engineering, entertainment, and life sciences applications:

- **BodyBuilder**

Processing software for kinematic and kinetic modeling, which reduces complex 3D vector algebra into a simple scripting language, called BodyLanguage. This script and Plug-in Modeler are used in the Workstation pipeline to create and process custom models.

- **Nexus 1.x**

Optical motion capture, processing, and analysis with Vicon MX systems. Nexus replaces Workstation as the core motion capture and processing software for life sciences applications.

- **Polygon**

Processing software for biomechanics visualization and reporting, which models muscles and ligaments as well as bones.

- **Vicon iQ 2.x**

Integrated motion capture and processing software used for tracking and automatically processing complex multiple-character capture scenarios.

- **Workstation 5.x**

Motion capture and processing software, with automated processing facilities to enable experiment results to be produced in a single step.

For further details on these applications, including the specific versions providing support for specific MX hardware elements, see the [Vicon Web site](#). For details on configuring Vicon MX cameras and data capture and processing through these Vicon software applications, see the software documentation.

Movie Capture Card on Host PC

Vicon MX supports synchronous movie image capture on the host PC on which the primary Vicon application software is installed. This requires a FireWire digital video capture card to be installed on the host PC.

If your PC does not have a FireWire port included on the motherboard, you will need to install an IEEE 1394 FireWire serial interface add on PCI cards. The FireWire card must be Open Host Controller Interface (OHCI) compliant. Cards that include the Texas Instruments chip set are OHCI compliant. Microsoft Windows 2000 and Windows XP automatically recognize the FireWire interface; if you are using another operating system, you may need to install additional drivers.

Movie capture requires a lot of bandwidth and storage space. A stream of DV data is compressed (in the hardware onboard your camcorder) to give a data rate of 3.6 MB per second at 720 x 576 (PAL) (or 480 for NTSC). That means over 4.3 GB of data for every 20 minutes of video captured in raw DV format.

Your hard drive must be fast enough to handle this amount of data at a sustained rate in addition to the Vicon motion capture data. If the hard drive cannot sustain this rate, you will drop movie frames on capture which will result in gaps in your movie on playback.

For information on capturing movie images on the host PC, see the documentation for your Vicon application software.

Movie Capture Card on Remote PC

Vicon MX supports digital video capture on a remote computer incorporated in a Vicon MX system architecture. This requires the Vicon Reference Video System option for the Nexus, Vicon iQ, or Workstation application software installed on the host PC.

The Vicon Reference Video System supports devices that conform to the IEEE 1394 Digital Video (DV) or the IIDC 1394 Digital Camera (DCAM) standards. It enables you to simultaneously trigger DCAM and DVcam capture on a host PC that can stream data from multiple live cameras along with optical motion capture from Vicon cameras through Vicon MX. Vicon Reference Video generates standard .avi (Audio Video Interleaved) files that can be viewed in Nexus, Vicon iQ, Workstation, Polygon, or third-party visualization software.

The Vicon Reference Video system is a client-server application. The client application is installed on the Vicon host PC on which the

primary Vicon application software is installed. The server application is typically installed on a separate computer, which is responsible for capturing the digital video data and generating the *.avi* files.

The Vicon Reference Video system in Vicon MX enables you to integrate DCAMs into a Vicon MX system, providing frame-accurate and time-aligned video and optical data. You can trigger Vicon MX to synchronously capture and play back captured video files alongside 2D and 3D Vicon motion capture data.

For information on capturing movie images on remote PCs, see the documentation for your Vicon application software.

This chapter describes the physical structure of the MX Link, including its connections to other Vicon MX components.

Important

This chapter applies only to MX systems containing an MX Link (generally, those supplied before August 2006). Later systems use the MX Ultranet, which is made of lead-free components to comply with environmental regulations. For details of that replacement MX unit, see [Chapter 9 MX Ultranet](#).

The MX Link is optional in Vicon MX prior to the introduction of the MX Ultranet. It connects two to four MX Nets. Gigabit Ethernet communication between the MX Net and MX Link ensures adequate data flow for high marker counts in real time. If included in the system, the MX Link routes all communication to and from the host PC and timing/synchronization signals to all MX Nets (which connect all cameras and devices to the system) and any other MX Links. For further details, see [Chapter 7 MX Net](#) and [Chapter 5 MX Host PC](#).

Using a fully populated MX Link in conjunction with four fully populated MX Nets enables a total of 32 cameras and alternative devices to be connected. You can add additional MX Links to your Vicon MX architecture to meet your needs.

The MX Link is a 1U unit that can be rack-, wall-, or floor-mounted and stacked either horizontally or vertically.

MX Link Front Panel

Figure 6-1 illustrates the front panel of the MX Link.



Figure 6-1: MX Link front panel

The front panel contains a single LED indicator:

- **PWR**
Blue LED indicating whether or not the unit is on.

MX Link Rear Panel

Figure 6-2 illustrates the rear panel of the MX Link.



Figure 6-2: MX Link rear panel

The rear panel contains the following connectors and green LED status indicators (from left to right of the unit):

- **PC**
RJ-45 socket for connecting to the Ethernet port on the host PC.
- **Up Link and Down Link**
4-pin Lemo sockets for connecting to and synchronizing additional MX Links.

Use these sockets for connecting multiple MX Link units in Vicon MX architectures where the number of cameras plus alternative devices is greater than 32. Two to four MX Nets can be connected to each MX Link. Each MX Link then connects to a separate PC, and all PCs are networked together. For details on the MX Net, see [Chapter 7 MX Net](#). For details on the MX Link—MX Net cable, see [Chapter 11 MX Cables](#).

Important

The **Up Link** and **Down Link** functionality is not currently supported in Vicon MX systems. If you require this functionality, please contact Vicon Motion Systems or your nearest agent or distributor, who can help you to identify suitable options.

- **Power On:** LED indicating whether or not the MX Link is on and receiving power:
 - On: The unit is on and receiving power.
 - Off: The unit is turned off, or the power cord is not properly connected.
- Four numbered device sockets and corresponding green LED status indicators (located to the left of the sockets), including:
 - **Link Connect:** 12-pin Lemo sockets for connecting to MX Nets.

Use this connection for systems whose number of cameras plus alternative devices is greater than eight. Multiple MX Nets can be connected to an MX Link. For details on MX Nets, see [Chapter 7 MX Net](#). For details on the MX Net—MX Link cable, see [Chapter 11 MX Cables](#).
 - **Master:** LEDs indicating which of the attached devices is providing the master synchronization signal to the system.
- **On/Off Switch**

Switch for turning the unit on and off.
- **Power Connector**

Power cable inlet. Fuses are located in a panel between this connector and the on/off switch.

Warning

For full protection against electrical shock hazards, the unit must be connected to a grounded electrical supply.

This chapter describes the physical structure of the MX Net, including its connections to other Vicon MX components.

Important

This chapter applies only to MX systems containing an MX Net (generally, those supplied before August 2006). Later systems use the MX Ultranet, which is made of lead-free components to comply with environmental regulations. For details of that replacement MX unit, see [Chapter 9 MX Ultranet](#).

The MX Net is always present in Vicon MX systems prior to the introduction of the MX Ultranet. The MX Net, supplies power and communications for up to eight connected MX cameras (or alternative devices such as MX Control or MX Bridge units), and then passes that data back to either the host PC or an MX Link, which enables larger numbers of cameras to be used (for details, see [Chapter 6 MX Link](#)). The MX Net routes all communication to and from the host PC, and timing/synchronization signals to and from the MX cameras.

The MX Net is a 1U unit that can be rack-, wall-, or floor-mounted and stacked either horizontally or vertically.

MX Net Front Panel

Figure 7-1 illustrates the front panel of the MX Net.



Figure 7-1: MX Net front panel

The front panel contains a display window with the following green LED status indicators for the Ethernet connections to cameras, the

host PC or MX Links (from left to right and top to bottom of display window):

- **Net Connect**

LED is lit when the port for the corresponding MX camera or alternative device attached to the MX Net is connected to the MX Ethernet network.

- **Rx/Tx**

LED flashes when the port for the corresponding MX camera or alternative device attached to the MX Net is receiving (Rx) or transmitting (Tx) data or communications over the MX Ethernet network. The frequency of the flashes varies with the amount of network traffic.

- **Power On**

LED is lit when the MX Net is on and receiving power, or off if the unit is turned off or if the power cord is not properly connected.

- **1000**

LED is lit when the MX Net has a good connection to the host PC or an MX Link over a Gigabit MX Ethernet network.

- **100**

LED is lit when the MX Net has a good connection to the host PC or an MX Link over a 100 Mbps MX Ethernet network. This rate is generally too slow for MX Ethernet network traffic.

- **Link I/O**

LED flashes when the port for the host PC or an MX Link attached to the MX Net is receiving (Rx) or transmitting (Tx) data or communications over the MX Ethernet network. The frequency of the flashes varies with the amount of network traffic.

MX Net Rear Panel

Figure 7-2 illustrates the rear panel of the MX Net.

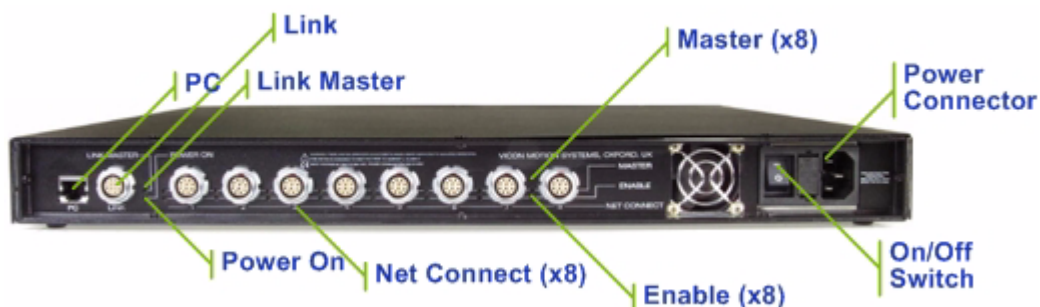


Figure 7-2: MX Net rear panel

The rear panel contains the following connectors and green LED status indicators (from left to right of the unit):

- **PC**
RJ-45 socket for connecting to the Ethernet port on the host PC.
Use this connection for systems whose number of cameras plus alternative devices is eight or less. Only a single MX Net can be connected to an Ethernet port on the host PC. For details on the MX Net—Host PC cable, see [Chapter 11 MX Cables](#).
- **Link**
12-pin Lemo socket for connecting to an MX Link.
Use this connection for systems whose number of cameras plus alternative devices is greater than eight. Multiple MX Nets can be connected to an MX Link. For details on the MX Link, see [Chapter 6 MX Link](#). For details on the MX Net—MX Link cable, see [Chapter 11 MX Cables](#).
- **Link Master**
LED indicating whether or not one of the connected cameras is the one providing the master synchronization signal to the system:
On: The master camera is not connected to this MX Net.
Off: The master camera is connected to this MX Net.

- **Power On**

LED indicating whether or not the unit is on and receiving power:

On: The unit is on and receiving power.

Off: The unit is turned off, or the power cord is not properly connected.

- Eight numbered device sockets and corresponding green LED status indicators (located to the left of the device sockets), including:

- **Net Connect:** 10-pin Lemo sockets for connecting cameras (or alternative devices such as the MX Control). For details on the MX Net—Camera cable, see [Chapter 11 MX Cables](#).

- **Master:** LEDs indicating which (if any) of the devices attached to the MX Net is providing the master synchronization signal to the system:

On: The connected device is providing the master synchronization signal.

Off: The connected device is not providing the master synchronization signal or is a slave device.

- **Enable**

LEDs indicating whether or not the device is connected correctly:

On: The device is correctly connected.

Flashing: The device is drawing too much current (may indicate a short circuit).

Off: The device is not correctly connected.

- **On/Off Switch**

Switch for turning the unit on and off.

- **Power Connector**

Power cable inlet. Fuses are located in a panel between this connector and the on/off switch.

Warning

For full protection against electrical shock hazards, the unit must be connected to a grounded electrical supply.

This chapter describes the physical structure of the MX Sync, including its connections to other Vicon MX components.

The MX Sync is an optional accessory to the MX Control or the MX Ultramet in a Vicon MX system architecture. If included in the system, the MX Sync provides an extended interface to the MX Control or MX Ultramet functionality for connecting Vicon MX to third-party external devices that either Vicon MX can trigger or that can remotely trigger data capture on the Vicon MX system or send synchronization signals.

The MX Sync connects to external devices via its input and output connectors. The MX Sync then connects to the **GPIO** and **Remote** sockets of the MX Control or the single **GPIO & Remote** socket of the MX Ultramet. For details on the specific GPIO and Remote functionality accessible through the MX Sync, see [Appendix A MX Control Card Configuration](#) and [Appendix B GPIO and Remote Connections in MX Ultramet and MX Sync](#).

The MX Sync is a 1U unit that can be rack-, wall-, or floor-mounted and stacked either horizontally or vertically.

MX Sync Front Panel

The front panel of the MX Sync contains two buttons for triggering remote data capture through Vicon MX:

- **Remote Start**
Activates the remote start functionality of the MX Control or MX Ultramet.
- **Remote Stop**
Activates the remote stop functionality of the MX Control or MX Ultramet.

These buttons on the front panel of the MX Sync do not preclude the use of any other start or stop switches that may be connected to the sockets on the rear panel of the MX Sync.

For details on the remote functionality for triggering data capture in Vicon MX, see [Appendix A MX Control Card Configuration](#) and [Appendix B GPIO and Remote Connections in MX Ultramet and MX Sync](#).

MX Sync Rear Panel

The rear panel of the MX Sync contains the following connection points (from left to right of the unit):

- **Remote Start**
Standard RCA socket for an external device used to activate the remote start functionality available through the 7-pin Lemo **Remote** socket on the rear of the MX Control or the 15-pin D-type **GPIO & Remote** connector on the rear of the MX Ultramet.
- **Remote Stop**
Standard RCA socket for an external device used to activate the remote stop functionality available through the 7-pin Lemo **Remote** socket on the rear of the MX Control or the 15-pin D-type **GPIO & Remote** connector on the rear of the MX Ultramet.
- **GP IN**
One set of four standard RCA phono sockets for connecting external devices to the corresponding general purpose inputs available through the 8-pin Lemo **GPIO** socket on the rear of the MX Control or the 15-pin D-type **GPIO & Remote** connector on the rear of the MX Ultramet.
- **GP OUT**
Four sets of four standard RCA phono sockets for connecting external devices to the corresponding general purpose outputs available through the 8-pin Lemo **GPIO** socket on the rear of the MX Control or the 15-pin D-type **GPIO & Remote** connector on the rear of the MX Ultramet. Identical signals are passed out through all four connectors in each numbered set.

Important

The actual number of devices that can be driven from Vicor MX through the **GPO OUT** connection depends on the characteristics of the devices to be attached. For example, if the MX Sync must provide the current to drive a GPI Opto coupler in a connected device, then only two such devices can be driven.

- **MX Control GPIO & Remote**
15-pin D-type connector for connecting the MX Sync to either:
 - the 8-way Lemo **GPIO** socket and the 7-way Lemo **Remote** socket on the rear of the MX Control.
 - OR
 - the 15-pin D-type **GPIO & Remote** connector on the rear of the MX Ultramet.

- **Ext Clock**

BNC socket for connecting an external device to the external clock functionality available through the **Remote** socket on the rear of the MX Control or the 15-pin D-type **GPIO & Remote** connector on the rear of the MX Ultramet.

- **Gated Ref**

BNC socket for connecting an external device to the Gated Ref functionality available through the **Remote** connector on the rear of the MX Control or the 15-pin D-type **GPIO & Remote** connector on the rear of the MX Ultramet.

For details on the **GPIO** and **Remote** sockets on the rear of the MX Control unit, see the section on MX Control Standard Connectors in [Chapter 4 MX Control](#). For the **GPIO & Remote** connector on the rear of the MX Ultramet, see the section on the rear panel in [Chapter 9 MX Ultramet](#).

This chapter describes the physical structure of the MX Ultranet, including its connections to other Vicon MX components.

The MX Ultranet supplies power, synchronization, and communications for up to eight connected MX cameras (or alternative devices such as MX Control or MX Bridge units). The MX Ultranet is the single box replacement for the independent MX Net and MX Link units present in earlier Vicon MX systems (for further details on the earlier MX units, see [Chapter 6 MX Link](#) and [Chapter 7 MX Net](#)).

The MX Ultranet offers a greater system scalability, allowing you to add additional MX Ultranet units to your Vicon MX architecture to meet your needs. Only one MX Ultranet in any system will be connected to the Host PC. In this book, this unit is referred to as the primary MX Ultranet. Additional MX Ultranet units connected to this primary MX Ultranet are referred to as secondary MX Ultranet units.

In a system incorporating multiple MX Ultranet units, the primary MX Ultranet can also connect to up to four additional secondary MX Ultranet units which enables larger numbers of cameras to be used. Gigabit Ethernet communication between the MX Ultranet units in such a system ensures adequate data flow for high marker counts in real time. The primary MX Ultranet routes all communication to and from the host PC, and timing/synchronization signals to and from the MX cameras connected to it, as well as any secondary MX Ultranet units on the system and their connected cameras. Using a fully populated primary MX Ultranet in conjunction with four fully populated secondary MX Ultranet units enables a total of 40 cameras and alternative devices to be connected.

The MX Ultranet also provides GPIO functionality without the need for an MX Control, and offers access to this through integration with MX Sync. For further details on these MX units, see [Chapter 4 MX Control](#) and [Chapter 8 MX Sync](#).

An MX Ultranet acts as the synchronization master if an MX Control is not included in the Vicon MX system architecture.

The MX Ultranet is a 1U unit that can be rack-, wall-, or floor-mounted and stacked either horizontally or vertically.

MX Ultranet Front Panel

Figure 9-1 illustrates the front panel of the MX Ultranet.



Figure 9-1: MX Ultranet front panel

The front panel contains the following LED status indicators for power and the Ethernet connections to cameras, the host PC or other MX Ultranet units (from left to right and top to bottom of LED panel):

- **Power**

Green LED indicating whether or not the MX Ultranet is on and receiving power:

- On: The unit is on and receiving power.
- Off: The unit is in standby, power to the unit is turned off, or the power cord is not properly connected.

- **Cameras**

Eight numbered LED status indicators:

- Lit when the port for the corresponding MX camera or alternative device attached to the MX Ultranet has a good connection to the MX Ultranet over a 100 Mbps MX Ethernet network.

- **Links**

Four LED status indicators:

- Lit when the port for the corresponding connected MX Ultranet has a good connection over a Gigabit MX Ethernet network.

- **Active**

LED status indicator:

- Lit when the MX Ultranet communicates internally over a 100 Mbps MX Ethernet network.

- **PC**

A pair of LED status indicators:

- Upper LED is lit when the MX Ultranet has a good connection to the host PC over a Gigabit MX Ethernet network. This rate is expected for a Host PC correctly configured with a Gigabit network card as recommended in Vicon MX.
- Lower LED is lit when the MX Ultranet has a good connection to the host PC over a 100 Mbps MX Ethernet network. It is not advised to connect Vicon MX to the Host PC over such a network, Gigabit communication is recommended.

MX Ultranet Rear Panel

Figure 9-2 illustrates the rear panel of the MX Ultranet.

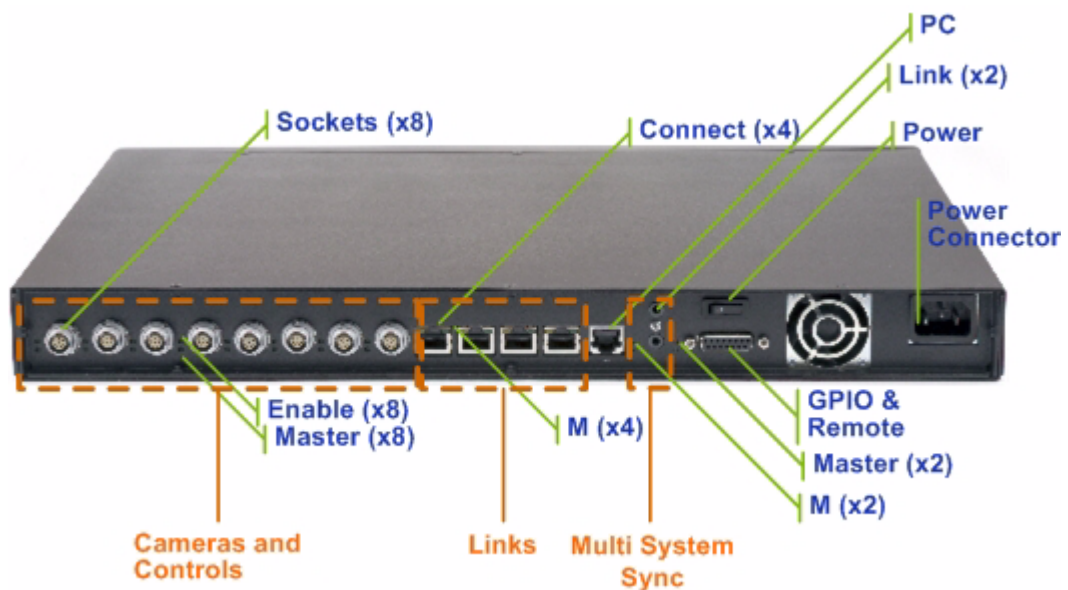


Figure 9-2: MX Ultranet rear panel

The rear panel contains the following connectors and LED status indicators (from left to right of the unit):

- **Cameras and Controls**

Eight numbered device sockets and corresponding pairs of LED status indicators (located to the left of the device sockets), including:

- 8-pin Lemo sockets for connecting cameras (or alternative devices such as the MX Control). For details on the MX Ultranet—Camera cable, see [Chapter 11 MX Cables](#).
- **Enable:** Upper LEDs indicating whether or not the device is connected correctly:
 - On: The device is correctly connected.
 - Flashing: The device is drawing too much current (may indicate a short circuit).
 - Off: The device is not correctly connected.
- **Master:** Lower LEDs indicating which (if any) of the cameras or alternative devices attached to this MX Ultranet is providing the master synchronization signal to the system:
 - On: The connected device is providing the master synchronization signal.
 - Off: The connected device is not providing the master synchronization signal or is a subordinate device.

- **Links**

Four numbered device sockets and corresponding pairs of LED status indicators (located to the upper left and right of the sockets), including:

- **Connect:** 10-pin RJ-45 sockets for connecting to other MX Ultranet units.

Use this connection for systems whose number of cameras plus alternative devices is greater than eight. Multiple secondary MX Ultranet units can be connected to a primary MX Ultranet. For compatibility with earlier Vicon MX systems, you also can use this connection to connect the MX Ultranet as a child to an MX Link or as a parent to an MX Net. For details on the MX Net, see [Chapter 7 MX Net](#). For details on the MX Ultranet—MX Ultranet and the MX Ultranet—MX Link/MX Net cables, see [Chapter 11 MX Cables](#).

- **M:** Green LED on upper right indicating which (if any) of the attached secondary MX Ultranet units is providing the master synchronization signal to the system.
- Yellow LED on upper left: Unused.
- **PC**
8-pin RJ-45 socket for connecting the primary MX Ultranet to the Ethernet port on the host PC.

Only a single primary MX Ultranet can be connected to an Ethernet port on the host PC. For details on the MX Ultranet—Host PC cable, see [Chapter 11 MX Cables](#).
- **Multi System Sync**
Two sockets and corresponding LED status indicator:
 - **Link:** 3.5mm Stereo Jacks for connecting to and synchronizing additional primary MX Ultranet units. Use these sockets for connecting multiple primary MX Ultranet units in Vicor MX architectures where the number of cameras plus alternative devices is greater than 40. Up to four secondary MX Ultranet units can be connected to each primary MX Ultranet. Each primary MX Ultranet then connects to a separate PC, and all PCs are networked together.

For details on the MX Ultranet—MX Ultranet cable, see [Chapter 11 MX Cables](#).
 - **M:** Green LEDs indicating which (if any) of the connected MX Ultranet units is providing the master synchronization signal to the system.

Important

The **Multi System Sync** functionality is not currently supported in Vicor MX systems. If you require this functionality, please contact Vicor Motion Systems or your nearest agent or distributor, who can help you to identify suitable options.

- **Power**
Switch for turning the unit on and off. The **Off** position of this switch places the unit in standby only. In this mode, power to the cooling fans and the device are switched off, but the power supply unit remains active. To completely power down the unit, switch off the power supply at the wall or disconnect the power cable.

- **GPIO & Remote**

15-pin D-type connector for general purpose input and output with third-party external devices and also for external devices used to remotely trigger data capture through Vicon MX or to send synchronization signals. This enables third-party devices to interact with Vicon MX, and Vicon MX to trigger external devices.

To use GPIO and remote control functionality you must either:

- Create your own interface to the **GPIO & Remote** socket and use it to connect the MX Ultranet directly to the device or external switch. For details, see [Appendix B GPIO and Remote Connections in MX Ultranet and MX Sync](#).

OR

- Connect the MX Ultranet to an MX Sync and then connect the MX Sync to the device. For details, see [Chapter 8 MX Sync](#).

- **Master**

A pair of LED status indicators:

- Upper LED: Indicates when this MX Ultranet unit is selected in the controlling Vicon application software.
- Lower LED indicates whether this MX Ultranet is providing the master synchronization signal to the system.

- **Power Connector**

Power cable inlet. Fuses are integral to the power supply unit and are, therefore, not accessible from the exterior of the unit.

Warning

Warning: For full protection against electrical shock hazards, the unit must be connected to a grounded electrical supply.

This chapter describes the type of contents that can be included in an accessory kit supplied with Vicon MX. The number and type of contents depend upon the specific Vicon application you have ordered.

Important

For details on the type and number of items actually supplied with your Vicon MX system, see the bill of materials accompanying your product shipment. If any items are missing on receipt, or if you require additional accessories later, please contact Vicon Motion Systems or your nearest agent or distributor.

Accessory Kit Contents

A Vicon MX accessory kit may typically include:

- Tape:
 - Marker-fixing tape specially designed to adhere well to human skin without creating an allergic reaction.

It can only be used once. The tape does not perform well if the skin becomes very wet with sweat. Under these circumstances, Vicon Motion Systems recommends the use of medical grade elastic strips.
 - Micropore tape
 - Gaffer tape
- HASP licensing dongle
- Velcro roll
- Vicon Lycra suit
- Vicon retroreflective markers:
 - 3 mm markers
 - 9.5 mm markers
 - 14 mm markers
 - 25 mm markers

This chapter describes the types of proprietary cables supplied with Vicon MX to connect the system components. Vicon cables are used to supply power to the system and to carry communications and signals between the components.

Camera—Strobe Unit Connection Cable

A fixed cable terminated with a 6-pin Lemo plug carries power and control from the camera to the strobe unit.

Caution

You are advised not to disconnect the camera-strobe connection cable while the camera is active automatically. Doing so may cause the MX camera to reset.

MX Bridge—V-Series Camera

A cable terminated on both ends with BNC plugs. This cable is used to connect an MX Bridge to a Vicon MCam camera supported previously by Vicon V-series systems.

A cable terminated on both ends with 12-pin Lemo plugs. This cable is used to connect an MX Bridge to a Vicon MCam2, VCam, SVCam, MCam(PAL) or MCam(NTSC) cameras supported previously by Vicon V-series systems.

Warning

Do not use this 12-pin Lemo cable to connect an MX Bridge unit to either an MX Net unit or an MX Link unit. Plugging one end of this 12-pin Lemo plug into an **Analog Camera** socket on the rear panel of an MX-Bridge and the other end of the plug into either the **Link Connect** socket on the rear panel of an MX Link or the **Link** socket on the rear panel of an MX Net will result in damage to the units.

MX Camera/MX Control/MX Bridge—MX Net Cable

A distribution cable terminated on both ends with 10-pin Lemo plugs. This cable supplies power and synchronization signals from the MX Net to an MX camera (or other connected device). The cable also passes video signals (in Preview mode only) and data from the MX camera back to the host PC via the MX Net and the MX Link (if present).

The MX Control and MX Bridge use the same physical connector, cables, and signals as an MX camera: Straight-Through 100Base-T Ethernet Network Cable with Category 5e twisted pair wiring.

One MX Bridge—MX Net cable is required for each V-series camera to be connected to the MX system.

MX Camera/MX Control/MX Bridge—MX Ultranet Cable

A distribution cable terminated with a 10-pin Lemo plug on one end (for the MX camera, MX Control, or MX Bridge) and an 8-pin Lemo plug on one end (for the MX Ultranet). This cable supplies power and synchronization signals from the MX Ultranet to an MX camera (or other connected device). The cable also passes video signals (in Preview mode only) and data from the MX camera back to the host PC via the MX Ultranet.

MX+ Camera—MX Ultranet Cable

A cable terminated on both ends with 8-pin Lemo plugs. This cable is used to connect an MX+ camera to an MX Ultranet.

MX Net—MX Link Cable

A cable terminated on both ends with 12-pin Lemo plugs. This cable is used to connect an MX Net to an MX Link.

Warning

Do not use this 12-pin Lemo cable to connect either an MX Net unit or an MX Link unit to an MX Bridge unit. Plugging one end of this 12-pin Lemo plug into either the **Link Connect** socket on the rear panel of an MX Link or the **Link** socket on the rear panel of an MX Net and the other end of the plug into an **Analog Camera** socket on the rear panel of an MX-Bridge will result in damage to the units.

MX Net/MX Link/MX Ultranet—MX Host PC Cable

A 1000Base-T Ethernet Network cable terminated on both ends with RJ-45 plugs. This cable is used to connect an MX Ultranet, MX Net, or an MX Link to the Ethernet port on the host PC.

Important

Only a single primary MX Ultranet, or a single MX Net or MX Link, can be connected to an individual Ethernet port on the host PC. Each additional primary MX Ultranet or MX Link requires an additional Ethernet port in either

the same host PC or a second computer, depending on CPU consumption and hard disk performance.

MX Sync—MX Control Cable

A cable terminated with a 15-pin D-type plug at one end (for the MX Sync) and splitting to terminate in 8-pin and 7-pin Lemo plugs at the other end (for the MX Control). This cable is used to connect an MX Sync to an MX Control.

MX Ultranet—MX Link/MX Net

A cable terminated on one end with a 10-pin RJ-45 plug and on the other end with a 12-pin Lemo plug. This cable is used to connect an MX Ultranet to either an MX Link or an MX Net.

MX Ultranet—MX Sync Cable

A cable terminated on both ends with 15-pin D-type plugs. This cable is used to connect an MX Ultranet to an MX Sync.

MX Ultranet—MX Ultranet Cable

A cable terminated on both ends with 10-pin RJ-45 plugs. This cable is used to connect a primary MX Ultranet to any secondary MX Ultranet units included in the Vicon MX system.

Up Link/Down Link Cable

A cable terminated on both ends with 4-pin Lemo plugs when used to connect an MX Link to another MX Link, or terminated on both ends with a 3.5mm Stereo Jack when used to connect a primary MX Ultranet to another primary MX Ultranet.

This chapter describes the purpose and contents of the MX Calibration Kit supplied with Vicon MX.

Calibration Process

The performance of the Vicon MX depends crucially on the accuracy with which the system is calibrated. The calibration process involves identifying both internal (focal length and image distortion) and external (camera position and orientation) camera parameters.

Vicon MX uses a single Dynamic Calibration (DynaCal) process to calculate all of these parameters through two simultaneous phases:

- **Linearization**

The optical distortion of the camera lenses and any other non-linearity in the system is measured, and a correction matrix is calculated. The corrections are applied to every frame of data subsequently acquired by each camera.

- **Photogrammetric Calibration**

The physical locations and orientations of the cameras are calculated, referring to a user-defined set of coordinates.

This DynaCal calibration process requires the accurate use of the specialized equipment supplied in the MX Calibration Kit.

The kit contents are described in this chapter. For details on using the calibration apparatus with the current version of Vicon software on the host PC, see the software documentation.

Calibration Kit Contents

The Vicon MX Calibration Kit is illustrated in Figure 12-1 and described in Table 12-1 on page 12-3.



Figure 12-1: Example calibration kit

The kit contains pieces for constructing the two types of required calibration objects to meet your specific requirements:

- **3-marker calibration wands**
These are used to calibrate the cameras. For further details, see [3-marker Calibration Wands](#) on page 12-4.
- **Static calibration object**
This is used to set the global coordinate system in the capture volume. For further details, see [Static Calibration Object](#) on page 12-5.

Table 12-1: Calibration kit contents

Key	Calibration Apparatus	Description
1	240 mm Wand Spacer Bar	For a 3-marker wand with 14 mm markers.
2	Wand Handle	For use with 240 mm (1) or 390 mm (5) wand spacer bar.
3	120 mm Wand Spacer Bar	A 3-marker wand with 9 mm markers and handle.
4	Handle Extension	For use with Wand Handle (2).
5 (6)	390 mm Wand Spacer Bar	A 3-marker wand with 25 mm markers. Marker (6) can be removed to attach this bar to Wand Spacer Bar Extension (7).
7	Wand Spacer Bar Extension	For extending 390 mm Wand Spacer Bar (5) to create 780 mm Wand Spacer Bar.
8	Ergo calibration frame	Static calibration object with four 9.5 mm markers. These can be exchanged for the 14 mm or 25 mm markers in the Calibration Marker Pack (11). All four markers must be the same size.
9	Alignment plates	For attachment to Ergocal L-Frame (8) when placed on force plates. The edge of the alignment plates will accurately align with the edge of the force plate, ensuring a consistent location.

Table 12-1: Calibration kit contents

Key	Calibration Apparatus	Description
10	Vicon CD "CRO Cal Files"	Contains the <code>Ergocal.cro</code> Calibration Reference Object file, which defines the dimensions of the supplied calibration objects, for use with Workstation software on the host PC. This file is installed with the Workstation 5.x application software. Keep this CD as a backup in case the file gets damaged or deleted and needs to be recovered.
11	Calibration Marker Pack	Contains 9.5 mm, 14 mm, and 25 mm marker sets to be attached to the ergo calibration frame (8).

3-marker Calibration Wands

3-marker calibration wands are used to calibrate the MX cameras. You can create wands of different lengths with Vicon retroreflective markers of different sizes.

The same handle section must be used for both the 240 mm (item 1 in Figure 12-1 on page 12-2) and 390 mm Wand Spacer Bars (item 5 in Figure 12-1). This handle section can be lengthened using the Handle Extension (item 4 in Figure 12-1).

The 390 mm Wand Spacer Bar (item 5 in Figure 12-1) can be extended to 780 mm for large volume calibration. To do this, remove the marker (item 6 in Figure 12-1), attach the Wand Spacer Bar Extension (item 7 in Figure 12-1), and then replace the marker at the end of the extension.

Static Calibration Object

The ergo calibration frame is a static calibration object used to set the global coordinate system in the capture volume. Using the handle provided by the large rectangular hole in the plate, place the object in the field of view of at least three cameras in your capture volume. Turn the adjuster screws until the bubbles in the two spirit levels are in the center. Once the frame is level, you can slide the attached covers to conceal the spirit levels. When not in use, you can hang the frame on a wall hook using the notched circular hole in the frame.

The frame comes with four 9.5 mm markers attached. You can replace these with the 14 mm or 25 mm markers in the Calibration Marker Pack. All four markers on the calibration frame must be the same size.

Calibration Reference Object file

The Calibration Reference Object file (`Ergocal.cro`) ensures that Workstation software contains configuration entries corresponding to the calibration objects supplied in the Calibration Kit. Once you have constructed the desired calibration objects, you must specify the appropriate entry when configuring the calibration process in the Workstation software (for details, see the [Workstation System Reference](#) book).

For example, if you construct a 3-marker wand using the 240 mm Wand Spacer Bar with 14 mm markers (item 1 in Figure 12-1 on page 12-2) and you attach the 25 mm markers to the Ergocal L-Frame (item 8 in Figure 12-1), select the following entry in the **Calibrate Cameras** dialog box in the Workstation software:

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1C) Ergocal 25mm mkr - 240mm Wand 14mm mkr
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MX Control Card Configuration A

This appendix provides additional information on using the cards available in the MX Control to integrate third-party devices with your Vicon MX system. It provides instructions on installing user-installable options.

Warning

MX option cards must be fitted into the designated area inside the MX Control. This must be done only by technically qualified operators. Technical operators, before attempting to add or replace an option card in the MX Control, read *General Cautions and Access Instructions* on page A-15. Do not attempt to disassemble or replace any other components of the MX Control. If your unit requires any other repair or modification, please contact Vicon Motion Systems.

MX Control Card Descriptions

The following sections describe how to use the connectors available on the standard and optional cards that may be installed in the MX Control:

- *Timecode and Genlock Option* on page A-2
- *MX Control Standard Card* on page A-3
- *Device 1 and Device 2 Option Cards* on page A-11

For further details on the functions of these cards, see *Chapter 4 MX Control*.

Important

The MX options factory installed in your MX Control depend upon the specific Vicon MX system you have ordered. You can order additional or replacement MX option cards later and install them in your MX Control, as appropriate. Your Vicon Sales representative or your nearest agent or distributor can help you to identify the options suitable for your application requirements. For details on installing additional cards, see *Installing MX Option Cards* on page A-15.

Timecode and Genlock Option

The following sections describe how to use the connectors available on the Timecode and Genlock option on the MX Control card to provide genlock, frame count, and video burn-in window functionality:

- *Ref Out*
- *Plate In*
- *Ref Loop* on page A-2
- *LTC In* on page A-3
- *LTC Out* on page A-3

Important

This option must be factory installed. If it was not originally ordered, the slot is covered with a blank panel.

In this book, the terms socket and plug are used for female and male connectors respectively. For details on the functionality that the Timecode and Genlock option for the MX Control supports for connecting to external video sources, see [Chapter 4 MX Control](#).

Ref Out

To connect an external broadcast video device (such as a Video Tape Recorder) to the MX Control, you must plug it into the **Ref Out** socket on the rear panel of the MX Control using a BNC plug.

Plate In

To connect a plate video source to the MX Control, you must plug it into the **Plate In** socket on the rear panel of the MX Control using a BNC plug.

Ref Loop

To connect an external video source to the MX Control, you must plug it into the **Ref Loop** socket on the rear panel of the MX Control using a BNC plug.

Important

If the MX Control is the last device in the chain, the Ref Loop connection that is not being used for signal output must be terminated using a 75 Ω (ohms) terminator.

LTC In

To connect an external LTC timecode audio or video source to the MX Control, you must plug it into the **LTC In** socket on the rear panel of the MX Control using a mini-XLR plug.

LTC Out

To connect an external LTC timecode receiving audio or video device to the MX Control, you must connect it to the **LTC Out** plug on the rear panel of the MX Control using a mini-XLR socket.

MX Control Standard Card

The following sections describe how to use the standard connectors that are always available on the MX Control card:

- [Net Connect](#) on page A-3
- [RS 422](#) on page A-4
- [RS 232](#) on page A-4
- [GPIO](#) on page A-5
- [Remote](#) on page A-7

Important

This card is factory installed in all MX Control units.

For details on the functionality that the standard MX Control supports for connecting to external devices, see [Chapter 4 MX Control](#).

Net Connect

To connect the MX Control to an MX Ultranet or an MX Net, you must plug one end of the supplied MX cable into this **Net Connect** 10-pin female Lemo socket on the rear panel of the MX Control and the other end of the cable into one of the following:

- the **Cameras and Controls** 8-pin Lemo socket on the rear of the MX Ultranet
- the **Net Connect** 10-pin Lemo socket on the rear panel of the MX Net.

For details on these MX units, see [Chapter 7 MX Net](#), [Chapter 4 MX Control](#), and [Chapter 9 MX Ultranet](#). For details on the connecting cables, see [Chapter 11 MX Cables](#).

RS 422

To connect the MX Control to selected third-party video tape recorders (VTRs), you must either create your own plug or use an adaptor to plug into the RS 422 serial socket on the rear panel of the MX Control. Table A-2 lists the RS 422 serial port pin allocations.

Table A-1: RS 422 serial port pin allocation

Pin	Function
1	GND
2	TX -
3	RX +
4	GND
5	Not Connected
6	GND
7	TX +
8	RX -
9	GND

RS 232

To connect the MX Control to devices that support RS-232 serial communications, you must either create your own plug or use an adaptor to plug into the RS 232 serial socket on the rear panel of the MX Control. Table A-2 lists the RS 232 serial port pin allocations..

Table A-2: RS 232 serial port pin allocation

Pin	Function
1	Not Connected
2	TX
3	RX
4	Not Connected
5	GND
6	Not Connected
7	CTS
8	RTS
9	Not Connected

GPIO

To connect the MX Control to third-party external devices that interact with Vicon MX or enable Vicon MX to trigger external devices, you must either:

- Create your own interface with the GPIO (General Purpose Input Output) socket in the rear panel of the MX Control.
- Connect the MX Control to an MX Sync and then connect the MX Sync to the device. For details, see [Chapter 8 MX Sync](#).

If you create your own interface for connecting your third-party device that supports general purpose input/output, you must use a Lemo FGG.1B.308.CLAD52 8W connector. This section describes the circuitry involved and the electrical specifications.

GPIO Pin Allocations

Table A-3 shows the allocations for the 8 pins in the GPIO socket (GPI=General Purpose Input, GPO=General Purpose Output).

Table A-3: GPIO socket pin allocation

Pin	Function
1	GPO 1
2	GPO 2
3	GPO 3
4	GPO 4
5	GPI 4
6	GPI 3
7	GPI 2
8	GPI 1

The outer casing of the 8-way Lemo socket is GND (0V).

Important

GPO 1 and GPO 2 are duplicated on both the GPIO and Remote sockets. This is not intended to enable users to connect multiple devices by using both sockets, rather it makes GPO available to the majority of users who are likely to use only the Remote socket. For details, see [Remote](#) on page A-7.

GPIO Output Status Events

The GPIO outputs status events after the remote action has been triggered. You can configure other devices in your system to read these events and respond accordingly, as illustrated in the following examples.

The example in Table A-4 shows the status events output by the GPIO after the remote action has been triggered by a third-party treadmill (where High=5V and Low=0V).

Table A-4: GPIO control output status—third party treadmill

Output Status				Vicon System Event
GPO 1	GPO 2	GPO 3	GPO 4	
Low	Low	—	—	Idle (no capture in progress)
High	Low	—	—	Armed (prepared for capture)
Low	High	—	—	Paused
High	High	—	—	Capturing

The example in Table A-5 shows the status events output by the GPIO after the remote action has been triggered by a Kyowa-Dengyo Force Plate (where High=5V and Low=0V).

Table A-5: GPIO control output status—Kyowa-Dengyo Force Plates

Output Status				Vicon System Event
GPO 1	GPO 2	GPO 3	GPO 4	
High	—	—	—	Capturing
Low	—	—	—	Idle (no capture in progress)
—	Zero Balance	+CAL	-CAL	Reserved for use by Kyowa-Dengyo Force Plates. For details, contact your local representative.

GPIO Electrical Specifications

Table A-6 provides electrical specifications for the GPIO socket (GPI=General Purpose Input, GPO=General Purpose Output).

Table A-6: GPIO Socket Electrical Specifications

Component	Specification
GPO	Optically isolated
Maximum External Voltage Load	18 V when controlling devices connected to an external voltage source.
All GPOs are driven from a single channel of the output optocoupler. Each open collector output is connected internally to the +5 V supply via a 270 Ω resistor and a diode. This output behaves in a similar manner to a TTL signal. When connected to a high impedance load, the output swing is between 0 V-4.3 V.	
GPI	Optically isolated
All GPIs are connected directly to one channel of the high CMR optocoupler. Connecting any one of these inputs to 0 V activates the required function.	

Remote

To remotely trigger data capture on the Vicon MX system or to send synchronization signals, you must do one of the following:

- Create your own external switch or photoelectric sensor to trigger the remote capture, and connect it to the **Remote** port on the MX Control.
- Create your own synchronization interface, and connect it between the **Remote** port on the MX Control and your external device.
- Connect the MX Control to an MX Sync, which provides an interface to both remote triggering and synchronization functionality, and then connect the MX Sync to the external device. For details, see [Chapter 8 MX Sync](#).

If you create your own interface, you must use a Lemo FGG.1B.307.CLAD52 mating plug. This section describes the circuitry involved and the electrical specifications.

Remote Pin Allocations

Table A-7 shows the allocations for the 7 pins in the Remote socket (GPO=General Purpose Output).

Table A-7: Remote control interface cable wiring

Pin	Function
1	Gated Ref
2	GPO 1
3	Remote Start Switch
4	GPO 2
5	Remote Stop Switch
6	External clock
7	GND

Of these seven pins, your external switch is concerned with the two control input pins (3 and 5) and the ground pin (7). In order to start a remote capture, your external switch must force pin 3 to GND (that is, short circuit it). In order to stop a remote capture, your external switch must force pin 5 to GND. Figure A-1 illustrates the external switch between control input pin 3 and ground pin 7 closed to start a remote capture.

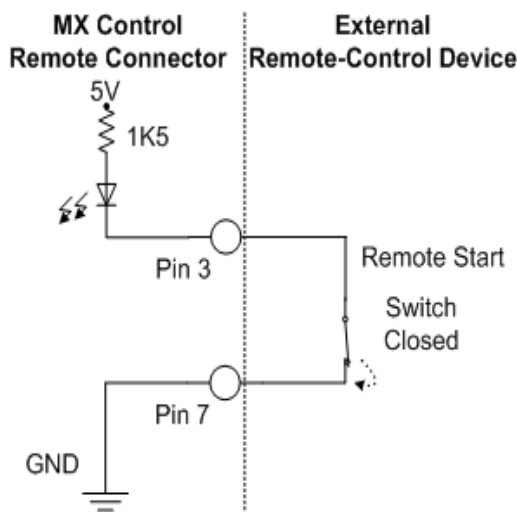


Figure A-1: Example of Remote Switch

Table A-8 shows the TTL settings to which your external switch must pull the Remote input pins in order to trigger the remote capture.

Table A-8: Remote input controls

Input Control		Action
Pin 3	Pin 5	
High	High	Idle (normal system setting)
Low	High	Start capture at next video frame
High	Low	Stop capture at next video frame
Low	Low	Undefined (do not use)

Remote Output Status Events

Table A-9 shows the status events output by the Remote control after the remote capture has been triggered (where High=5V and Low=0V). You can configure other devices in your system to read these events and respond accordingly.

Table A-9: Remote output status

Output Status		Vicon System Event
Pin 2	Pin 4	
High	High	Capturing
Low	High	Paused
High	Low	Armed (prepared for capture)
Low	Low	Idle (no capture in progress)

Important

GPO 1 and GPO 2 are duplicated on both the GPIO and Remote sockets. This is not intended to enable users to connect multiple devices by using both sockets, rather it makes GPO available to the majority of users who are likely to use only this Remote socket.

Remote Electrical Specifications

Table A-10 provides electrical specifications for the Remote socket (GPO=General Purpose Output).

Table A-10: Remote Socket Electrical Specifications

Component	Specification
GPO	Optically isolated
Maximum External Voltage Load	18 V when controlling devices connected to an external voltage source.
The GPOs are driven from a single channel of the output optocoupler. Each open collector output is connected internally to the +5V supply via a 270 Ω resistor and a diode. This output behaves in a similar manner to a TTL signal. When connected to a high impedance load, the output swing is between 0V-4.3V.	
Remote Start	Optically isolated
Remote Start is connected to one channel of the high CMR optocoupler. Connecting any one of these inputs to 0 V activates the required function.	
Remote Stop	Optically isolated
Remote Stop is connected to one channel of the high CMR optocoupler. Connecting any one of these inputs to 0 V activates the required function.	
Gated Reference	
Amplitude	2V peak to peak when terminated in 75 Ω
Pulse Direction	Negative going
Pulse Duration	80 μ S
Pulse Frequency	Once per Vicon video frame (only enabled during capture)
This signal goes low for 80 μ S when the system is either armed or capturing. At all other times it stays high.	
External Clock	
Amplitude	2V peak to peak when terminated in 75 Ω
Pulse Direction	Positive going

Table A-10: Remote Socket Electrical Specifications

Component	Specification
Pulse Duration	3.7 μ S
Pulse Frequency	Multiple of the video frame rate specified for MX cameras (synchronous to video). For details, see your Vicon software documentation.

Device 1 and Device 2 Option Cards

This section describes how to use the connectors that are available on the MX option cards that can be installed and accessed from the Device 1 and Device 2 slots in the rear panel of the MX Control:

- [Analog Option](#)
- [Audio Option](#) on page A-14

Important

These option cards may be factory installed. If they were not originally ordered, the slot is covered with a blank panel. You can install one or more of these cards, as appropriate, later.

For details on the functionality that these options for the MX Control supports for connecting to external analog and audio sources, see [Chapter 4 MX Control](#).

Analog Option

To connect an analog ADC card in the MX Control to third-party devices for capturing analog data, you must plug one end of the supplied 100-way cable into the **Analog** socket on the rear of the MX Control and the other end into the Vicon patch panel. You may need to create your own plug to connect the Vicon patch panel to your analog devices, such as force plates, electromyography (EMG) equipment, and potentiometers.

Important

There can be two analog ADC cards installed in an MX Control. Depending upon the options you ordered for your Vicon MX system, your MX Control may not have an analog ADC card installed. For details of how to integrate one later, see [Installing an MX Option Card](#) on page A-16.

The analog ADC card is a 64-channel device for generating 16-bit offset binary conversions from analog sources. The impedance is 1 M Ω . The data sampling frequency is common to all channels; it is dependent on the MX camera frame rate specified in the Vicon application software. The higher the sampling frequency, the fewer analog channels there are available. Each channel has a programmable gain, which can be set to +/- 10 volts, +/- 5 volts, +/- 2.5 volts, or +/- 1.25 volts. For details on specifying these settings, see your Vicon software documentation.

This section describes the connector, pins, and cables involved in an Analog ADC socket, shown in Figure A-2.

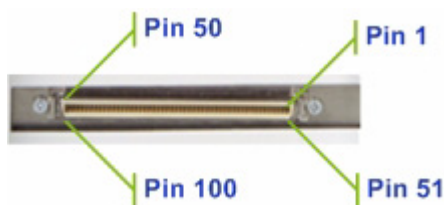


Figure A-2: Analog ADC card in MX Control

On both the ADC 100-way edge socket and the corresponding 100-way interface plug, Pin 1 is indicated with a triangular symbol (▼) and Pin 51 is indicated with a circular symbol (●).

Analog Pin Allocations

Table A-11 shows the pin allocations for the 100 pins in the Analog ADC socket.

Table A-11: Analog ADC 100-way socket pin allocation

Pin	Channel	Pin	Channel	Pin	Channel	Pin	Channel
1	Ground	26	17	51	Ground	76	49
2	1	27	Ground	52	33	77	Ground
3	Ground	28	18	53	Ground	78	50
4	2	29	19	54	34	79	51
5	3	30	Ground	55	35	80	Ground
6	Ground	31	20	56	Ground	81	52
7	4	32	21	57	36	82	53
8	5	33	Ground	58	37	83	Ground
9	Ground	34	22	59	Ground	84	54
10	6	35	23	60	38	85	55
11	7	36	Ground	61	39	86	Ground
12	Ground	37	24	62	Ground	87	56
13	8	38	25	63	40	88	57
14	9	39	Ground	64	41	89	Ground
15	Ground	40	26	65	Ground	90	58
16	10	41	27	66	42	91	59
17	11	42	Ground	67	43	92	Ground
18	Ground	43	28	68	Ground	93	60
19	12	44	29	69	44	94	61
20	13	45	Ground	70	45	95	Ground
21	Ground	46	30	71	Ground	96	62
22	14	47	31	72	46	97	63
23	15	48	Ground	73	47	98	Ground
24	Ground	49	32	74	Ground	99	64
25	16	50	Ground	75	48	100	Ground

Audio Option

To connect an audio ADC card in the MX Control to third-party devices for capturing audio data, you must plug the device into the **Audio** socket on the rear of the MX Control using a standard RCA plug.

Important

There can be only one audio ADC card installed in an MX Control within a Vicon MX architecture that contains Vicon Workstation application software. Depending upon the options you ordered for your Vicon MX system, your MX Control may not have an audio ADC card installed. For details of how to integrate one later, see [Installing an MX Option Card](#) on page A-16.

The audio ADC card is a 4-channel device for capturing audio data. The impedance is 600 Ω . This card supports fixed analog sample rates, which are dependent on the MX camera frame rate specified in the Vicon application software. The higher the sampling frequency, the fewer analog channels there are available. Each channel has a programmable gain, which can be set to +/- 10 volts, +/- 5 volts, +/- 2.5 volts, or +/- 1.25 volts. For details on specifying these settings, see your Vicon software documentation.

Caution

For audio input from a microphone, the audio signal must be amplified before being sent to the audio ADC card.

Installing MX Option Cards

The following sections describe how to install available MX option cards in the Device 1 or Device 2 slot in the rear of the MX Control:

- analog ADC add-on card
- audio ADC add-on card

Caution

Before opening the MX Control, see [General Cautions and Access Instructions](#). When installing cards in the MX Control, be careful not to touch any tracks on the cards.

General Cautions and Access Instructions

Before touching anything inside the MX Control, use an earth strap or touch a properly grounded point to dissipate static electricity. Continue to wear an earth strap or periodically touch the earth point whenever handling the PCBs inside the MX Control.

When you disconnect a cable, pull on its connector or on its strain-relief loop, not on the cable itself. As you pull connectors apart, keep them evenly aligned to avoid bending any pins. Also, before you connect a cable, make sure both connectors are correctly aligned and oriented.

Handle internal cards with care. Do not touch components or contacts on a card. Hold a card by its edges or by its metal mounting bracket.

To gain access to the internal circuits of the MX Control:

1. Switch off the MX Control through the MX Ultranet or MX Net, or remove the Lemo plug from the Net Connect socket on the rear panel of the MX Control.
2. With an M3 Pozidrive™ screwdriver, undo and remove the screws: six on the top and eight on each side of the cover.
3. Gently lift the top panel upwards and set it aside.

You can now replace the relevant MX option cards, as described in the following sections.

Installing an MX Option Card

This section describes how to install an analog or audio ADC option card in the Device 1 or Device 2 slot in the rear of the MX Control. If you have installed an analog ADC option card, also see section [Connecting Analog ADC Devices via the Patch Panel](#) on page A-17.

To install an MX option card in the MX Control board:

1. Remove blank panel covering the slot if the option card was not factory installed, or remove an existing option card if you are replacing it.
2. Locate the female mating sockets on the new MX option card. For example, the analog ADC option card shown in Figure A-3 has 60-pin and 80-pin female mating sockets underneath the card.

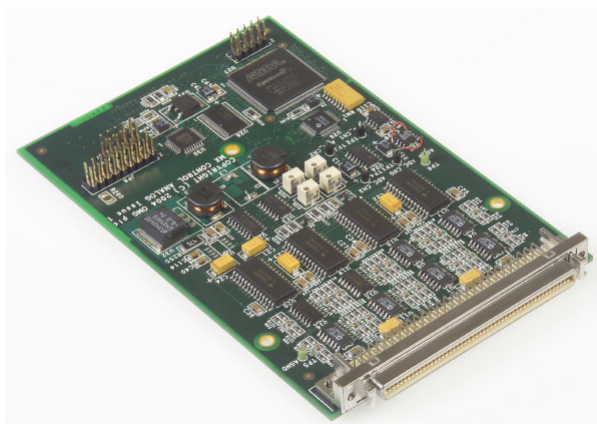


Figure A-3: Analog ADC card with female mating sockets

3. Gently but firmly push these female sockets on the MX option card into the corresponding male plugs on the designated area of the MX Control board so that the ADC card edge socket is the only part of the card exposed outside of the MX Control in the Device 1 and/or Device 2 slots:
 - You can install up to two analog ADC cards in the Device 1 and/or Device 2 slots.
 - You can install one audio ADC card either in the Device 1 or Device 2 slot. The other device slot cannot be used, so is covered by a blank panel.

Connecting Analog ADC Devices via the Patch Panel

You use the Vicon patch panel to connect analog ADC cards in the MX Control to an external third-party analog devices.

The Vicon ADC screw terminal patch panel is contained in a gray plastic case measuring 259 mm x 157 mm x 61mm. The 100-way cable used to connect an analog ADC card in the MX Control to the patch panel is 2.1 m long. You may need to create a suitable plug to connect your third-party device to the patch panel (for details, see [Analog Option](#) on page A-11). You must open the patch panel case to connect new signal cables for your device to the patch panel.

To connect ADC devices to the MX Control via the patch panel:

1. Ensure all equipment is switched off and the power cables are removed.
2. Remove the four dark plastic screw covers on the top of the plastic box using the flat screwdriver blade.
3. Remove the four M3 Pozidrive screws on the lid of the box to expose the patch panel, shown in Figure A-4.

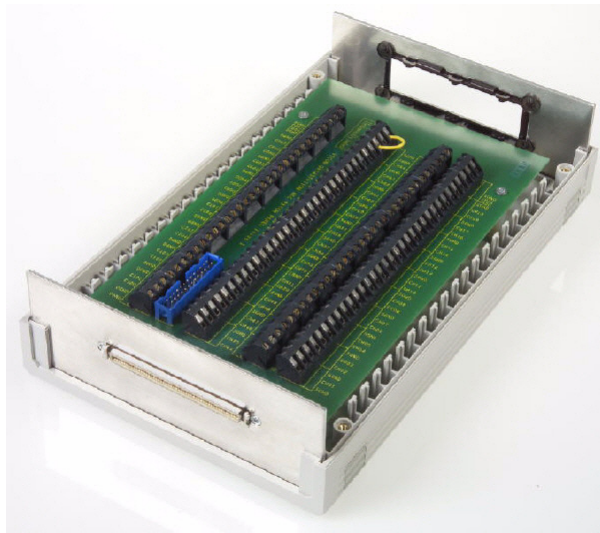


Figure A-4: Vicon patch panel

4. Pass the cables through the inlet on the side of the box with the cable grip flanges.
5. Install the signal cables into the screw terminal marked CH1-CH64.
6. Install the braided and ground cables into any screw terminals marked SGND (Signal Ground).
7. When complete, clamp the cables using the grip flanges.
8. Align the lid and box grooves and rims, and then replace the lid, screws, and screw covers.
9. Plug one end of a 100-way cable, shown in Figure A-5, into the Vicon patch panel, ensuring that it clicks firmly into place.



Figure A-5: 100-way cable

10. Plug the other end of the 100-way cable into the ADC card edge socket on the rear panel of the MX Control, shown in Figure A-6, ensuring that it clicks firmly into place.

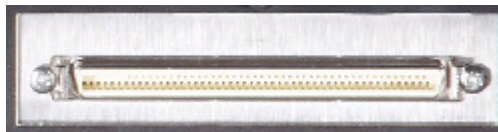


Figure A-6: ADC edge socket

11. Wire the plug you created for your third-party device into the patch panel.

GPIO and Remote Connections in MX Ultramet and MX Sync

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This appendix provides additional information on using the GPIO (General Purpose Input Output) and remote control functionality available in the MX Ultramet units to connect and synchronize third-party devices with your Vicon MX system. If required, an MX Sync can be connected to an MX Ultramet in order to provide an external interface to its GPIO & Remote functions. For further details on these MX units, see [Chapter 8 MX Sync](#) and [Chapter 9 MX Ultramet](#).

The sections in this appendix describe how to use the GPIO and remote control functionality available from the MX Ultramet and MX Sync:

- [GPIO & Remote Connector](#)
- [GPIO Functionality](#) on page B-4
- [Remote Functionality](#) on page B-5

GPIO & Remote Connector

The **GPIO & Remote** socket in the rear panel of an MX Ultramet enables general purpose input and output with third-party external devices and enables external devices to remotely trigger data capture through Vicon MX or to send synchronization signals. This section describes the circuitry involved and the electrical specifications for the connector.

Pin Allocations

Table B-1 shows the allocations for the 15 pins in the **GPIO & Remote** D-type socket in the rear panel of an MX Ultramet (GPI=General Purpose Input, GPO=General Purpose Output, GND=Ground). The **GPIO & Remote** socket in the rear panel of an

MX Ultramet allows connection to an MX Sync in order to provide an external interface to the GPIO & Remote functionality.

Table B-1: GPIO socket pin allocation

Pin	Function
1	Gated Ref
2	Not connected (MX Ultramet) / GND (MX Sync)
3	Not connected (MX Ultramet) / GND (MX Sync)
4	Remote Start Switch
5	GPI 1
6	GPI 3
7	GPO 1
8	GPO 3
9	External clock
10	GND
11	Remote Stop Switch
12	GPI 2
13	GPI 4
14	GPO 2
15	GPO 4

For details on pin arrangements, see the documentation supplied with your D-type socket.

Electrical Specifications

Table B-2 provides electrical specifications for the MX Ultramet **GPIO & Remote** socket.

Table B-2:GPIO & Remote Socket Electrical Specifications

Component	Specification
GPO	Optically isolated
Maximum External Voltage Load	18 V when controlling devices connected to an external voltage source.

Table B-2:GPIO & Remote Socket Electrical Specifications

Component	Specification
The GPOs are driven from a single channel of the output optocoupler. Each open collector output is connected internally to the +5V supply via a 270 Ω resistor and a diode. This output behaves in a similar manner to a TTL signal. When connected to a high impedance load, the output swing is between 0V-4.3V.	
GPI	Optically isolated
All GPIs, including Remote Start and Remote Stop, are connected to one channel of the high CMR optocoupler. Connecting any one of these inputs to 0 V activates the required function.	
Gated Reference	
Amplitude	2V peak to peak when terminated in 75 Ω
Pulse Direction	Negative going
Pulse Duration	80 μ S
Pulse Frequency	Once per Vicon video frame (only enabled during capture)
This signal goes low for 80 μ S when the system is either armed or capturing. At all other times it stays high.	
External Clock	
Amplitude	2V peak to peak when terminated in 75 Ω
Pulse Direction	Positive going
Pulse Duration	3.7 μ S
Pulse Frequency	Multiple of the video frame rate specified for MX cameras (synchronous to video). For details, see your Vicon software documentation.

GPIO Functionality

To connect the MX Ultramet to third-party external devices that interact with Vicon MX or enable Vicon MX to trigger external devices, you must either:

- Create your own interface with the **GPIO & Remote** socket in the rear panel of the MX Ultramet.
- Connect the MX Ultramet to an MX Sync and then connect the MX Sync to the device. For details, see [Chapter 8 MX Sync](#).

If you create your own interface for connecting your third-party device that supports general purpose input/output, you must use a 15-pin D-type connector. For details on the circuitry involved and electrical specifications for the connector, see [GPIO & Remote Connector](#) on page B-1. This section describes the output status events for GPIO functionality.

GPIO Output Status Events

The GPIO outputs status events after the remote action has been triggered. You can configure other devices in your system to read these events and respond accordingly, as illustrated in the following examples.

The example in Table B-3 shows the status events output by the GPIO after the remote action has been triggered by a third-party treadmill (where High=5V and Low=0V).

Table B-3: GPIO control output status—third party treadmill

Output Status				Vicon System Event
GPO 1	GPO 2	GPO 3	GPO 4	
Low	Low	—	—	Idle (no capture in progress)
High	Low	—	—	Armed (prepared for capture)
Low	High	—	—	Paused
High	High	—	—	Capturing

The example in Table B-4 shows the status events output by the GPIO after the remote action has been triggered by a Kyowa-Dengyo Force Plate (where High=5V and Low=0V).

Table B-4: GPIO control output status—Kyowa-Dengyo Force Plates

Output Status				Vicon System Event
GPO 1	GPO 2	GPO 3	GPO 4	
High	—	—	—	Capturing
Low	—	—	—	Idle (no capture in progress)
—	Zero Balance	+CAL	-CAL	Reserved for use by Kyowa-Dengyo Force Plates. For details, contact your local representative.

Remote Functionality

To remotely trigger data capture on the Vicon MX system or to send synchronization signals, you must either:

- Create your own external switch or photoelectric sensor to trigger the remote capture, and connect it to the **GPIO & Remote** socket on the MX Ultranet.
- Create your own synchronization interface, and connect it between the **GPIO & Remote** socket on the MX Ultranet and your external device.
- Connect the MX Ultranet to an MX Sync, which provides an interface to both remote triggering and synchronization functionality, and then connect the MX Sync to the external device. For details, see [Chapter 8 MX Sync](#).

If you create your own interface for connecting your third-party device that supports general purpose input/output, you must use a 15-pin D-type connector. For details on the circuitry involved and electrical specifications for the connector, see [GPIO & Remote Connector](#) on page B-1. This section describes the operation and output status events for remote control functionality.

Remote Control Operation

For remote control functions, your external switch is concerned with the two control input pins (4 and 11) and the ground pin (10) in the **GPIO and Remote** connector. In order to start a remote capture, your external switch must force pin 4 to GND (that is, short circuit it). In order to stop a remote capture, your external switch must force pin 11 to GND. Figure B-1 illustrates the external switch between control input pin 4 and ground pin 10 closed to start a remote capture.

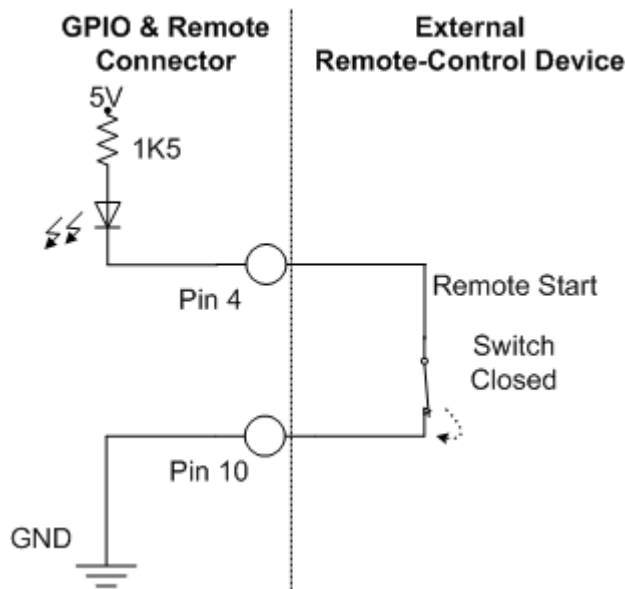


Figure B-1: Example of Remote Switch

Table B-5 shows the TTL settings to which your external switch must pull the Remote input pins in order to trigger the remote capture.

Table B-5: Remote input controls

Input Control		Action
Pin 3	Pin 5	
High	High	Idle (normal system setting)
Low	High	Start capture at next video frame
High	Low	Stop capture at next video frame
Low	Low	Undefined (do not use)

Remote Output Status Events

Table B-6 shows the status events output by the Remote control after the remote capture has been triggered (where High=5V and Low=0V). You can configure other devices in your system to read these events and respond accordingly.

Table B-6: Remote output status

Output Status		Vicon System Event
Pin 7	Pin 14	
Low	Low	Idle (no capture in progress)
High	Low	Armed (prepared for capture)
Low	High	Paused
High	High	Capturing

MX Camera Lens Focusing C

MX and MX+ cameras are in focus when the images of markers seen by the camera at a distance representative of the capture distance (i.e. the distance between subject and camera) are clear and sharp. The degree of focus of the lens on an MX camera can be controlled by altering two characteristics of the lens:

- Front (or forward) focus

This is set by adjusting the focus ring at the front of the lens. This procedure is described in section [Adjusting Camera Lens Focus with Front Focus Ring](#) on page C-2.

- Back focus

This is set by adjusting the position of the entire lens closer to or further away from the camera sensor along the axis of the lens. This procedure is described in section [Adjusting Camera Lens Focus through Back Focus](#) on page C-6.

All cameras supplied by Vicon Motion Systems are back focused as part of system testing in the factory; this should not normally need to be repeated in the field. If small adjustments (trimming) of focus are necessary in the field, generally you should use the lens front focus method. However, if a supplied camera lens has been loosened, removed, or swapped for another lens, it may be necessary to perform a back focus adjustment for maximum performance.

In Vicon MX systems, focusing is typically done while viewing grayscale data for markers in the Vicon application software. If desired, you can connect a VGA monitor to the VGA Monitor output on the back of the MX camera and switch it to monitor mode to provide a secondary visualization of the image seen by the camera. For details on using a VGA Monitor, see [Chapter 3 MX Cameras](#).

Adjusting Camera Lens Focus with Front Focus Ring

You can sharpen the camera lens focus by adjusting the focus ring at the front of the lens. The procedure in this section applies to both fixed-focus and zoom lenses.

You can see the results while you are focusing the camera by viewing the markers in your Vicon application software. For example, in Nexus, you can view the camera data in a Camera view pane. In Vicon iQ, you can view the camera data in a Camera view pane or a Fullscreen Preview view pane. In Workstation you can view the camera data in a Live Monitor window, and optionally in Preview mode.

The following procedure contains examples outlining how to view the live camera data in Nexus, in Vicon iQ, and in Workstation. For full details on the software steps, see the documentation for your Vicon application software.

To adjust camera lens focus with the front focus ring:

1. Mount the camera on a tripod within reach of the host PC on which the Vicon application software is installed.
2. Ensure that you can view the camera data from the Vicon application software on the host PC. For details on doing this, see the documentation for your Vicon application software.
3. Place a pair of 25 mm retroreflective markers with centers 50 mm apart central to the camera Field of View and at a distance from the camera representative of the capture distance.
4. If focusing a zoom lens, set the zoom to the desired level.
5. Ensure that the lens aperture is at its most open setting, that is, it is set to the lowest numerical value on the aperture ring (shown in Figure C-1). This lets more light into the camera and minimizes

the depth of field (for details on depth of field, see [Chapter 3 MX Cameras](#)).



Figure C-1: Camera aperture ring

6. In the Vicon software, check the image of the markers from this camera:
In Nexus
 - a. In the **View** pane, click the **Camera** view type.
 - b. In the **Browser** pane, ensure Nexus is in **Live** mode.
 - c. In the **System** browser pane, expand the **MX Cameras** node in the data tree and select the desired MX camera entry.
 - d. In the **Properties** section at the bottom of the **System** browser pane, set **Grayscale mode** to **All**.
 - e. In the **Camera** view pane, zoom in on the target marker pair.
 - f. If the image of the markers is not bright enough to allow confidence in the level of focus achieved, increase the intensity of the grayscale from the camera: in the **Properties** section, increase the value for **Gain** to a level above x1.

In Vicon iQ

- a. In the **Setup** operating mode, click the **Cameras** activity bar.
- b. Raise the **Strobe Intensity** slider to the maximum intensity level.
- c. From the **Grayscale Mode**, select **All**.
- d. In the **Camera** view pane, zoom in on the target marker pair.
- e. If the image of the markers is not bright enough to allow confidence in the level of focus achieved, increase the intensity of the grayscale from the camera: raise the **Gain** slider to a level above 1.

In Workstation

- a. Open a **Live Monitor** window.
- b. In the **Camera Settings Bar**, raise the **Strobe** slider to the maximum intensity level.
- c. From the **View** menu, point to **Greyscale** and select **All**.
- d. From the **View** menu, select **Diagnostic Mode**, and zoom in on the target marker pair.
- e. If the image of the markers is not bright enough to allow confidence in the level of focus achieved, increase the intensity of the grayscale from the camera: in the **Camera Settings Bar**, raise the **Gain** slider to a level above 1.

7. If your lens has a mechanism for engaging and disengaging the front focus ring, ensure that it is set to M (manual mode), as shown in Figure C-2.

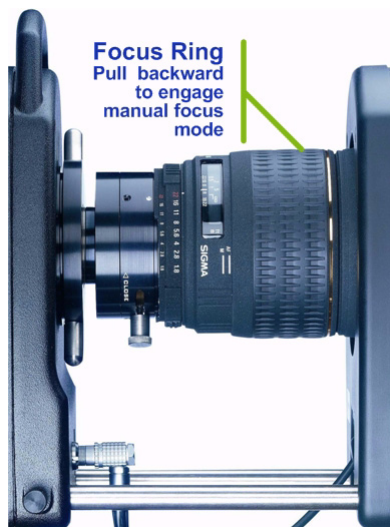


Figure C-2: Camera manual focus ring

8. In the Vicon software, observe the sharpness of the image of the two 25 mm markers; slowly adjust the front focus ring of the camera lens until the two markers appear in sharp focus in the software, as shown in Figure C-2.

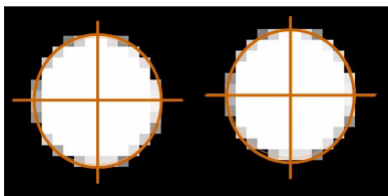


Figure C-3: Marker view in Vicon software

9. In the Vicon software, zoom out and check that other markers distributed around the volume of interest are also in focus.
10. If your lens has a mechanism for engaging and disengaging the front focus ring, disengage it to ensure the focus stays at the desired level.

11. Return the Vicon software to the default capture settings:

In Nexus

- In the **Properties** section at the bottom of the **System** browser pane, set **Grayscale mode** to **Auto**.

In Vicon iQ

- In the **Cameras** activity bar under the **Setup** operating mode, from the **Grayscale Mode**, select **Normal**.

In Workstation

- From the Workstation **View** menu, point to **Greyscale** and select **Merged Markers**.

Adjusting Camera Lens Focus through Back Focus

You can sharpen the camera lens focus by adjusting the position of the entire lens closer to or further away from the camera sensor along the axis of the lens. The latter is achieved by screwing the lens mount into or out of the front of the camera.

The way you do this depends upon whether you are using a fixed-focus or zoom lens. Any differences are described in the following procedure.

You can see the results while you are focusing the camera by viewing the markers in your Vicon application software. For example, in Nexus, you can view the camera data in a Camera view pane. In Vicon iQ, you can view the camera data in a Camera view pane or a Fullscreen Preview view pane. In Workstation you can view the camera data in a Live Monitor window, and optionally in Preview mode.

The procedure in this section contains examples outlining how to view the live camera data in Nexus, in Vicon iQ, and in Workstation. For full details on the software steps, see the documentation for your Vicon application software.

Warning

Back focusing is a delicate operation that must be performed only by qualified and experienced persons. Irreparable damage can be caused to the camera if this operation is not properly carried out.

To adjust camera lens focus through back focus:

1. Mount the camera on a tripod within reach of the host PC on which the Vicon software is installed.
2. Ensure that you can view the camera data from the Vicon software on the host PC. For details on doing this, see the documentation for your Vicon application software.
3. Place a pair of 25 mm retroreflective markers with centers 50 mm apart central to the camera Field of View and at as great a distance as possible (up to a maximum of 25 m) from the camera.
4. Ensure that the aperture lock (if there is one) is released and that the lens aperture is open to its most open setting, that is the lowest numerical value on the lens aperture ring (shown in Figure C-1). This lets more light into the camera and minimizes the depth of field (for details on depth of field, see [Chapter 3 MX Cameras](#)).



Figure C-4: Camera manual aperture ring

5. In the Vicon application software, check the image of the markers from this camera:
In Nexus
 - a. In the **View** pane, click the **Camera** view type.
 - b. In the **Browser** pane, ensure Nexus is in **Live** mode.

- c. In the **System** browser pane, expand the **MX Cameras** node in the data tree and select the desired MX camera entry.
- d. In the **Properties** section at the bottom of the **System** browser pane, set **Grayscale mode** to **All**.
- e. In the **Camera** view pane, zoom in on the target marker pair.
- f. If the image of the markers is not bright enough to allow confidence in the level of focus achieved, increase the intensity of the grayscale from the camera: in the **Properties** section, increase the value for **Gain** to a level above x1.

In Vicon iQ

- a. In the **Setup** operating mode, click the **Cameras** activity bar.
- b. Raise the **Strobe Intensity** slider to the maximum intensity level.
- c. From the **Grayscale Mode**, select **All**.
- d. In the Camera view pane, zoom in on the target marker pair.
- e. If the image of the markers is not bright enough to allow confidence in the level of focus achieved, increase the intensity of the grayscale from the camera: raise the **Gain** slider to a level above 1.

In Workstation

- a. Open a **Live Monitor** window.
 - b. In the **Camera Settings Bar**, raise the **Strobe** slider to the maximum intensity level.
 - c. From the **View** menu, point to **Greyscale** and select **All**.
 - d. From the **View** menu, select **Diagnostic Mode**, and zoom in on the target marker pair.
 - e. If the image of the markers is not bright enough to allow confidence in the level of focus achieved, increase the intensity of the grayscale from the camera: in the **Camera Settings Bar**, raise the **Gain** slider to a level above 1.
6. Adjust the front focus until the infinity setting (∞) aligns with the appropriate mark for the type of strobe unit on your MX camera:
 - Visible Red: the white mark, as shown in Figure C-5.

- Near Infrared or Infrared: the R label, if the lens has an infrared focus compensation setting; otherwise, the white mark as above.

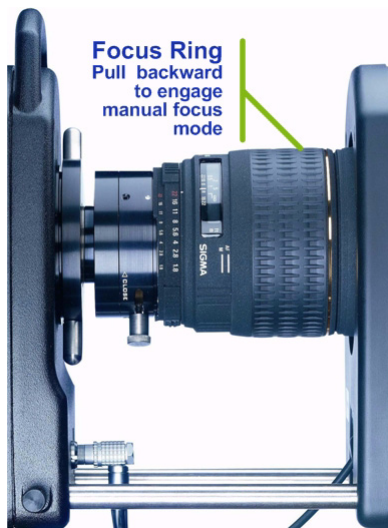


Figure C-5: Camera focus ring

7. In the Vicon software, observe the sharpness of the image of the two 25 mm markers.

If you are using a fixed-focus lens:

- Slowly loosen the back focus locking ring using the lever rods protruding on either side, as shown in Figure C-6, and rotate

the lens and adapter assembly until the two markers appear in sharp focus.



Figure C-6: Camera back focus lock

If you are using a zoom lens, focus the zoom setting using the zoom control as follows:

- a. Zoom IN fully (lens focal length at its maximum) on the markers and adjust the front focus to obtain a sharp image of the markers.
 - b. Zoom OUT fully and slowly loosen the back focus locking ring using the lever rods protruding on either side, as shown in Figure C-6, and rotate the lens and adapter assembly until the two markers appear in sharp focus.
 - c. Repeat steps a and b until the focus stays sharp throughout the zoom range and no adjustment is necessary at either extreme of the zoom range.
8. Gently retighten the back focus locking ring in a clockwise motion and recheck the focus of the marker pair in the Vicon software.
 9. If necessary, trim the focus using the front focus ring (for details, see [Adjusting Camera Lens Focus with Front Focus Ring](#) on page C-2).

10. Return the Vicon software to the default capture settings:

In Nexus

- In the **Properties** section at the bottom of the **System** browser pane, set **Grayscale mode** to **Auto**.

In Vicon iQ

- In the **Cameras** activity bar under the **Setup** operating mode, from the **Grayscale Mode**, select **Normal**.

In Workstation

- From the Workstation **View** menu, point to **Greyscale** and select **Merged Markers**.

This appendix provides technical specifications for the following hardware components of Vicon MX:

- [MX Bridge Specifications](#)
- [MX Camera Specifications](#) on page D-2
- [MX Control Specifications](#) on page D-15
- [MX Link Specifications](#) on page D-16
- [MX Net Specifications](#) on page D-17
- [MX Sync Specifications](#) on page D-18
- [MX Ultramet Specifications](#) on page D-19

MX Bridge Specifications

This table provides technical specifications for the MX Bridge.

Table D-1: MX Bridge specifications

Component	Specification
MX 1U Dimensions	
Height	43.6 mm
Width	443.4 mm 482.4 mm (with Rack Mount Bracket)
Depth	348.2 mm
Weight	2.5 kg
Power Supply Ratings	
Power Rating	15-20 W per unit maximum
Environmental Regulations	
RoHS Compliant	No

For further details on the use of this MX unit in a Vicon MX system, see [Chapter 2 MX Bridge](#).

MX Camera Specifications

The following sections provide technical specifications for the different types of Vicon MX cameras (MX40+, MX40, MX20+, MX13+, MX13, MX3+, and MX3) and their associated strobe units (Visible, Infrared, and Near Infrared), lenses, and cables. For further details on the use of these MX cameras in a Vicon MX system, see [Chapter 3 MX Cameras](#).

If you are integrating Vicon MCam2, VCam, SVCam, MCam(PAL), or MCam(NTSC) cameras supported previously by Vicon V-series systems, see [Chapter 2 MX Bridge](#) for details on those cameras. For further details on these cameras, see the hardware user manual for your V-series system or Vicon Online Support (VOS). For details on obtaining information from VOS, see [Appendix G Support Resources](#).

MX40+ and MX40 Camera Specifications

Table D-2: MX40+ and MX40 camera specifications

Component	Specification
Imager	CMOS
Aspect Ratio	4:3
Pixel Size	7 microns x 7 microns
Photosensitive Pixels	2352 H x 1728 V
Sensor Size	16.46 mm (H) x 12.10 mm (V), 20.43 mm (Diagonal)
Sensor Dynamic Range	59 dB
Digital Responsivity	Monochrome 2500 bits per lux-second @ 550nm ADC ref @ 1V
Lens Mounts	C- and SLR-mount options
Size (with 20 mm SLR lens)	215 mm (H) x 138 mm (W) x 255 mm (D)
Weight (with 20 mm SLR lens)	2.6 kg
RoHS compliant	Yes (MX40+ camera)

MX20+ Camera Specifications

Table D-3: MX20+ camera specifications

Component	Specification
Imager	CMOS
Aspect Ratio	5:4
Pixel Size	7 microns x 7 microns
Photosensitive Pixels	1600 H x 1280 V
Sensor Size	11.2 mm (H) x 8.96 mm (V), 14.34 mm (Diagonal)
Sensor Dynamic Range	59 dB
Digital Responsivity	Monochrome 2500 bits per lux-second @ 550nm ADC ref @ 1V
Lens Mounts	C-mount
Size (with 16 mm C Mount lens)	215 mm (H) x 138 mm (W) x 215 mm (D)
Weight (with 16 mm C Mount lens)	2.15 kg
RoHS compliant	Yes

MX13+ and MX13 Camera Specifications

Table D-4: MX13+ and MX13 camera specifications

Component	Specification
Imager	CMOS
Aspect Ratio	5:4
Pixel Size	12 microns x 12 microns
Photosensitive Pixels	1280 H x 1024 V
Sensor Size	15.36 mm (H) x 12.29 mm (V), 19.67 mm (Diagonal)
Sensor Dynamic Range	59 dB
Digital Responsivity	Monochrome 1600 bits per lux-second @ 550nm ADC ref @1V
Shutter Efficiency	>99.9%
Lens Mounts	C- and SLR-mount options
Size (with 20 mm SLR lens)	215 mm (H) x 138 mm (W) x 255 mm (D)
Weight (with 20 mm SLR lens)	2.6 kg
RoHS compliant	Yes (MX13+ camera)

MX3+ and MX3 Camera Specifications

Table D-5: MX3+ and MX3 camera specifications

Component	Specification
Imager	CMOS
Aspect Ratio	4:3
Pixel Size	9.9 microns x 9.9 microns
Photosensitive Pixels	659 H x 494 V
Sensor Size	6.52 mm (H) x 4.89 mm (V), 8.15 mm (Diagonal)
Sensor Dynamic Range	60 dB
Digital Responsivity	Monochrome 1800 bits per lux-second @ 550nm ADC ref @1V
Shutter Efficiency	>98.5%
Lens Mounts	C-mount
Size (with 8.5 mm lens)	215 mm (H) x 138 mm (W) x 182 mm (D)
Weight (with 8.5 mm lens)	2.1 kg
RoHS compliant	Yes (MX3+ camera)

MX Cameras Lens Specifications

The following sections provide technical specifications for the different types of lenses available for Vicon MX cameras. For details of specific lenses, contact Vicon Motion Systems or your nearest agent or distributor.

MX cameras are fitted with lenses suitable for the type of application you specified that the system is intended to be used for. If you wish to change the supplied lens, you must consider various factors, including the Field of View (FOV), the aperture, and any lens filter fitted. A significant factor in the field of view is the image circle that the camera lens casts onto the sensor size of the new lens. For optimum performance, the image circle projected should be larger than the sensor area used by the camera. For details on these factors influencing the choice of camera lens, see [Chapter 3 MX Cameras](#).

Table D-6 lists the image circle diameter produced by the C-mount lens formats (1", 2/3", and 1/2") and the 35 mm SLR format lens appropriate for use with Vicon cameras.

Table D-6: Image circle diameter produced by sensor formats

Sensor Format	Horizontal Dimension	Vertical Dimension	Image Circle Diameter
1" C-mount	12.8 mm	9.6 mm	16 mm
2/3" C-mount	8.8 mm	6.6 mm	11 mm
1/2" C-mount	6.4 mm	4.8 mm	8 mm
35 mm SLR	36 mm	24 mm	43.3 mm

Table D-7 lists the necessary image circle diameter for each MX camera at maximum resolution.

Table D-7: Image circle diameter required by MX cameras

MX Camera	Horizontal Dimension	Vertical Dimension	Required Image Circle Diameter
MX 40+ / Mx40	16.46 mm	12.10 mm	20.42 mm
MX 20+	11.2 mm	8.96 mm	14.34 mm
MX 13+ / MX13	15.36 mm	12.29 mm	19.67 mm
MX 3+ / MX3	6.52 mm	4.89 mm	8.15 mm

By comparing the image circle details in these two tables, you can use the information in the following sections to select a lens capable of producing the image circle diameter required for the specified type of MX camera.

For example, you can see from the tables above that no C-mount lens format projects an image circle large enough to fully use the sensor in an MX40+, MX40, MX13+, or MX13 camera. A 1" C-mount sensor format is appropriate for an MX20+ camera, and 2/3" and 1" C-mount sensor formats are appropriate for an MX3+ or MX3 camera.

For the larger format MX40+, MX40, MX13+, or MX13 cameras, SLR format lenses are more suitable than C-mount lenses. SLR lenses are designed for use with 35 mm film, or equivalent digital sensors. This format projects a larger image circle than C-mount lenses. As you can see from the tables above, lenses designed for these formats project an image circle large enough for the MX40+, MX40, MX13+, and MX13 cameras.

In some applications, a large field of view may be the overriding requirement. In such cases, it may be appropriate to use a wide angle C-mount lens on a larger format MX40+, MX40, MX13+, or MX13 camera. However, be aware that such lenses project an image circle too small for the sensor. Therefore, you must determine whether the benefits of the wide angle lens outweigh the inability to use the full sensor area.

MX40+, MX40, MX13+, and MX13 Camera Lens Specifications

The following tables provide technical specifications for the types of SLR format lenses available for MX40+, MX40, MX13+, and MX13 cameras.

Important

The Angle of View examples in each of the tables are specific to the referenced camera type. The angle of view will change if the lens is attached to another camera type.

17-35 mm Zoom Lens

Table D-8: 17-35 mm zoom lens specifications

Component	Specification
Format	SLR
Aperture Range	17 mm: 2.8-22 35 mm: 4.0-22
Angle of View (at full resolution)	MX40+ / MX40 17 mm: 51.68 deg (H) x 39.17 deg (V) 35 mm: 26.47 deg (H) x 19.61 deg (V) MX13+ / MX13 17 mm: 48.62 deg (H) x 39.74 deg (V) 35 mm: 24.75 deg (H) x 19.91 deg (V)
Dimensions	83.2 mm (diameter) x 86.5 mm (length)
Weight	0.44 kg

20 mm Lens

Table D-9: 20 mm lens specifications

Component	Specification
Format	SLR
Aperture Range	1.8 - 22
Angle of View (at full resolution)	MX40+ / MX40 44.74 deg (H) x 33.65 deg (V) MX13+ / MX13 42.01 deg (H) x 34.15 deg (V)
Dimensions	88.6 mm (diameter) x 87 mm (length)
Weight	0.52 kg

MX20+ Camera Lens Specifications

The following tables provide technical specifications for the types of C-mount format lenses available for MX20+ cameras. These are in addition to the lenses described in [MX40+ and MX40 Camera Specifications](#) on page D-2, which also can be used for MX20+ cameras.

Important

The Angle of View examples in each of the tables are specific to the referenced camera type. The angle of view will change if the lens is attached to another camera type.

12.5 mm C-mount Lens

Table D-10: 12.5 mm lens specifications

Component	Specification
Format	1"
Aperture Range	1.4 - Closed
Angle of View (at full resolution)	48.26 deg (H) x 39.44 deg (V)
Dimensions	42 mm (diameter) x 58 mm (length)
Weight	0.135 Kg

16 mm C-mount Lens

Table D-11: 16 mm lens specifications

Component	Specification
Format	1"
Aperture Range	1.4 - 22
Angle of View (at full resolution)	38.58 deg (H) x 31.28 deg (V)
Dimensions	51 mm (diameter) x 75 mm (length)
Weight	0.28 Kg

25 mm C-mount Lens

Table D-12: 25 mm lens specifications

Component	Specification
Format	1"
Aperture Range	1.4 - 16
Angle of View (at full resolution)	25.25 deg (H) x 20.32 deg (V)
Dimensions	43 mm (diameter) x 46.6 mm (length)
Weight	0.135 kg

MX3+ and MX3 Camera Lens Specifications

The following tables provide technical specifications for the types of C-mount format lenses available for MX3+ and MX3 cameras. These are in addition to the lenses described in [MX40+ and MX40 Camera Specifications](#) on page D-2 and [MX20+ Camera Specifications](#) on page D-3, which also can be used for MX3+ and MX3 cameras.

Important

The Angle of View examples in each of the tables are specific to the referenced camera type. The angle of view will change if the lens is attached to another camera type.

4.5 mm Small-format C-mount Lens

Table D-13: 4.5 mm lens specifications

Component	Specification
Format	1/2"
Aperture Range	1.4 - Closed
Angle of View (at full resolution)	71.88 deg (H) x 57.04 deg (V)
Dimensions	30 mm (diameter) x 30 mm (length)
Weight	0.055 Kg

6 mm C-mount Lens

Table D-14: 6 mm lens specifications

Component	Specification
Format	1/2"
Aperture Range	1.2 - Closed
Angle of View (at full resolution)	57.06 deg (H) x 44.35 deg (V)
Dimensions	42 mm (diameter) x 46 mm (length)
Weight	0.125 Kg

8.5 mm C-mount Lens

Table D-15: 8.5 mm lens specifications

Component	Specification
Format	2/3"
Aperture Range	1.5 - Closed
Angle of View (at full resolution)	41.99 deg (H) x 32.10 deg (V)
Dimensions	42 mm (diameter) x 58 mm (length)
Weight	0.120 kg

MX Camera Strobe Unit Specifications

The following sections provide technical specifications for the available types of strobe units (Visible Red, Near Infrared, and Infrared). Each type of strobe unit can be used with any of the types of Vicon MX cameras (MX40+, MX40, MX20+, MX13+, MX13, MX3+, and MX3). Any differences between the surface-mount LED strobes in MX+ cameras and the through-hole LED strobes in MX cameras are noted.

Camera Strobe Durations

Table D-16: Camera strobe durations

Duration	Specification
1 ms	up to 120z progressive
0.5 ms	up to 250 Hz progressive
0.25 ms	up to 500 Hz progressive
0.125 ms	up to 1000 Hz progressive

Visible Red Strobe Unit Specifications

Visible Red strobe units are available for MX+ cameras with surface mount LEDs and MX cameras with through-hole LEDs.

Table D-17: Visible Red strobe unit specifications

Component	Specification	
	Surface Mount	Through Hole
Strobe Active Source (AlInGaP II LEDs)	192	120
Wavelength (Red-Orange)	617 nm	623 nm
Diode Viewing Angle (to half luminous intensity)	60 deg	30 deg
Time Averaged Radiance (in Wm ⁻² sr ⁻¹ per array)	30	360
Max Lens Diameter	56 mm	56 mm
Power Consumption (per camera)	16.9 W	11.25 W
RoHS compliant	Yes	No

Near Infrared Strobe Specifications

Near Infrared strobe units are available for MX+ cameras with surface mount LEDs and MX cameras with through-hole LEDs

Table D-18: Near Infrared strobe unit specifications

Component	Specification	
	Surface Mount	Through Hole
Strobe Active Source (AlGaAs LEDs)	126	120
Wavelength	780 nm	780 nm
Diode Viewing Angle (to half luminous intensity)	56 deg	30 deg
Time Averaged Radiance (in Wm ⁻² sr ⁻¹ per array)	40	407
Max Lens Diameter	56 mm	56 mm

Table D-18: Near Infrared strobe unit specifications

Component	Specification	
	Surface Mount	Through Hole
Power Consumption (per camera)	14.74-19 W	11.25-14.5 W
RoHS compliant	Yes	No

Infrared Strobe Specifications

Infrared strobe units are available for MX cameras with through-hole LEDs.

Table D-19: Infrared strobe unit specifications

Component	Specification	
	Surface Mount	Through Hole
Strobe Active Source (AlGaAs LEDs)	Not Available	120
Wavelength	Not Available	875 nm
Diode Viewing Angle (to half luminous intensity)	Not Available	30 deg
Time Averaged Radiance (in Wm ⁻² sr ⁻¹ per array)	Not Available	552
Max Lens Diameter	Not Available	56 mm
Power Consumption (per camera)	Not Available	14.5 W
RoHS compliant	Not Available	No

MX Control Specifications

This table provides technical specifications for the MX Control. For further details on the use of this MX unit in a Vicon MX system, see [Chapter 4 MX Control](#). For details on connecting third party devices, including any plugs you may need to create yourself, see [Appendix A MX Control Card Configuration](#).

Table D-20: MX Control specifications

Component	Specification
MX 1U Dimensions	
Height	43.6 mm
Width	443.4 mm 482.4 mm (with Rack Mount Bracket)
Depth	348.2 mm
Weight	2.5 kg (with the Timecode and Genlock option card and one ADC option card)
Power Supply Ratings	
Power Rating	15-20 W per unit maximum
Environmental Regulations	
RoHS Compliant	Yes

MX Link Specifications

This table provides technical specifications for the MX Link. For further details on the use of this MX unit in a Vicon MX system, see [Chapter 6 MX Link](#).

Table D-21: MX Link specifications

Component	Specification
MX 1U Dimensions	
Height	43.6 mm
Width	443.4 mm 482.4 mm (with Rack Mount Bracket)
Depth	348.2 mm
Weight	3.18 kg
Power Supply Ratings	
Input Voltage	85-132/170-265 v AC
Input Frequency	50-60 Hz (auto selectable)
Maximum Input Current	4 Amps
Input Connector	IEC (International Electro-Technical Commission), Switched, Fused and Filtered
Output Voltage	5.0 v DC
Output Current	10 Amps
Output Connection	Molex connectors
Case Size	260 mm x 129 mm x 39.7 mm (2 part case)
Fuse	3.15 Amps (for both High and Low line input voltages)
Power Rating	10 W per unit
Environmental Regulations	
RoHS Compliant	No

MX Net Specifications

This table provides technical specifications for the MX Net. For further details on the use of this MX unit in a Vicon MX system, see [Chapter 7 MX Net](#).

Table D-22: MX Net specifications

Component	Specification
MX 1U Dimensions	
Height	43.6 mm
Width	443.4 mm 482.4 mm (with Rack Mount Bracket)
Depth	348.2 mm
Weight	3.85 kg
Power Supply Ratings	
Input Voltage	85-132/170-265 v AC
Input Frequency	47-63 Hz (auto selectable)
Maximum Input Current	5 Amps
Input Connector	IEC (International Electro-Technical Commission), Switched, Fused, and Filtered.
Output Voltage	52.8 v DC
Output Current	3.78 Amps
Output Connection	Molex connectors
Cooling	40 mm Fan
Case Size	260 mm x 129 mm x 39.7 mm (2 part case)
Fuse	3.15 Amps (for both High and Low line input voltages)
Power Rating (standby power with no cameras connected)	10 W per unit
Environmental Regulations	
RoHS Compliant	No

MX Sync Specifications

This table provides technical specifications for the MX Sync. For further details on the use of this MX unit in a Vicon MX system, see [Chapter 8 MX Sync](#).

Table D-23: MX Sync specifications

Component	Specification
MX 1U Dimensions	
Height	43.6 mm
Width	443.4 mm 482.4 mm (with Rack Mount Bracket)
Depth	348.2 mm
Weight	2.2 kg
Power Supply Ratings	
Power Rating	0 W per unit
Environmental Regulations	
RoHS Compliant	Yes

MX Ultranet Specifications

This table provides technical specifications for the MX Ultranet. For further details on the use of this MX unit in a Vicon MX system, see [Chapter 9 MX Ultranet](#). For details on connecting third party devices, including any plugs you may need to create yourself, see [Appendix B GPIO and Remote Connections in MX Ultranet and MX Sync](#).

Table D-24: MX Ultranet specifications

Component	Specification
MX 1U Dimensions	
Height	43.6 mm
Width	443.4 mm 482.4 mm (with Rack Mount Bracket)
Depth	348.2 mm
Weight	3.85 kg
Power Supply Ratings	
Input Voltage	100-240 v AC
Input Frequency	47-63 Hz (auto selectable)
Maximum Input Current	3.5 Amps
Input Connector	IEC (International Electro-Technical Commission), Switched, Fused, and Filtered
Output Voltage	54 v DC and 5 v DC
Output Current	4 Amps and 3 Amps
Output Connection	Molex connectors
Cooling	40 mm Fan
Case Size	260 mm x 129 mm x 39.7 mm (2 part case)
Fuse	No externally accessed fuses
Power Rating	20 W per unit (with no cameras connected) 5 W per unit (in standby mode)
Environmental Regulations	
RoHS Compliant	Yes

This appendix provides required regulatory notices regarding the supply and use of Vicon MX.

Notice to Agents

For inclusion in all Vicon systems supplied to the United States of America. The master Medical Device Reporting (MDR) file is located at Vicon Motion Systems Limited. Should an adverse event occur, the following completed form (fdamdr.doc) is to be forwarded within one working day to Vicon Motion Systems Limited.

Department of Health & Human Services, Food and Drug Administration

Medical Device Reporting System - Reportable Events

Effective from 3rd September 1996

Reference: A. 21 Code of Federal Regulations Part 803

Under 803.1(a) device user facilities and manufacturers must report deaths and serious injuries to which a device has or may have caused or contributed. Should such an event occur, please complete the following details and forward the document in accordance with the applicable regulations and time limits to one of the following addresses:

Oxford

14 Minns Business Park, West Way
Oxford OX2 0JB
UK

Tel: +44 (0)1865 261800
Fax: +44 (0)1865 240527

Denver

7388 S. Revere Parkway, Suite 901
Centennial, CO 80112
USA

Tel: +1 (303) 799 8686
Fax: +1 (303) 799 8690

Los Angeles

5419 McConnell Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90066
USA

Tel: +1 310 306 6131
Fax: +1 310 437 4299

Lake Forest

9 Spectrum Pointe Drive
Lake Forest, CA 92630
USA

Tel: +1 (949) 472 9140
Fax: +1 (949) 472 9136

Adverse Event Report (21 CFR 803.32)

Note for Completion: Use blank pages if required

Section A. Patient Data

Important

Patient confidentiality to be maintained unless authorized otherwise in writing by User Facility.

Parameter	Function
Patient	Years, Months
Patient Gender	Male/Female (delete not applicable)
Patient Weight	Kg

Section B. Adverse Event or Product Problem

Parameter	Date
Identification of adverse event or product problem	
Outcome attributed to the adverse event (delete not applicable)	<div><div>a. Life threatening injury or illness</div><div>b. Disability resulting in permanent impairment of a body function</div><div>c. Permanent damage to a body structure</div><div>d. Injury or illness that requires intervention to prevent impairment of a body structure or function</div></div>

Section C. Description of Event or Problem

Parameter	Date
Date of Event	MM/DD/YYYY
Date of report by initial reporter	MM/DD/YYYY
Description of event or problem, including a discussion of how the device was involved, nature of the problem, patient follow-up or required treatment and any environmental conditions that may have influenced the event	

Description of relevant tests including dates and laboratory data

Description of the relevant history including pre-existing medical conditions

Section D. Device Information

Parameter	Function
Brand Name	
Model Number	
Serial Number	
System Installation Date	
Operator of the device	health professional, patient, lay user, other (specify) (delete not applicable)
Date equipment returned to Vicon Motion Systems Limited or its agents (if applicable)	

Section E. Initial Reporter Information

Parameter	Function
Name	
Address	
Telephone Number	
Initial reporter is a Health Professional	Yes/No (delete not applicable)
Occupation	
Report Sent to FDS	Yes/No (delete not applicable)

Section F. Vicon Motion Systems

Parameter	Date
Report Source (additional data)	

Date received by Agent

Date received by Vicon Motion Systems Limited/
Vicon Motion Systems Inc.

Date Reports sent to FDA

Type of Report Issued to FDA

Other pertinent information for report compilation

This appendix provides information on resolving problems that you may encounter when configuring or using Vicon MX hardware components:

- Troubleshooting ADC Problems
- Troubleshooting Analog Data Capture

Important

If you have additional questions or require further assistance, log on to our Web-accessible knowledge base, Vicon Online Support (VOS), at http://www.vicon.com/support/online_Support.htm or contact Vicon Support at support@vicon.com. For details, see *Appendix G Support Resources*.

Troubleshooting ADC Problems

Analog systems are prone to the injection of extraneous noise, which can de-rate the specified signal to noise performance of the supplied equipment. Noise in the frequency spectra that could be superimposed and detected on an analog signal can be introduced by induction through unshielded or incorrectly shielded interface cables or via the equipment power supplies and their respective safety grounds. When installing analog equipment, care must be taken to ensure that correct shielding and power supply connection rules are followed.

Induced Noise and Correctly Shielded Cables

Induced noise will tend to be stochastic in nature and high frequency. Please ensure that the 100-way cable connecting the 64-channel ADC card in the MX Control to the Vicon patch panel is properly connected. A click should be sensed at both ends of each connector when contact has been correctly made. Please ensure that the shielding braid of any peripheral analog equipment interface cables is firmly connected to a SGND input on the patch panel and that the connector applied to the peripheral equipment is correctly installed.

Avoid taking multiple taps of the analog output signal from a given piece of peripheral equipment to several patch panels and ADC systems as increased cable lengths and differing signal to noise specifications can de-rate MX Control performance.

Ground Loop and Equipment Power Supplies

Ground loop occurs if two pieces of equipment do not share a common power supply ground or if there is a significant potential difference (or resistance) between their respective grounds. Should a lower resistance path be present, such as a common signal ground, then this will become the preferred power supply ground return path. Induced currents in the signal grounds will overlay the ADC data, creating an unwanted sinusoidal-shaped noise, which may or may not be at the same frequency as the mains power.

To avoid ground loop, ensure that the MX Control and associated analog peripheral equipment power supplies are connected to a common mains supply ground. Wherever possible and within the bounds of safe electrical installation practice, ensure that there are no alternative power return paths.

Ensure that all analog peripheral equipment share a common signal ground by correctly installing the interface cables such that the shields are connected to a SGND screw terminal on the Vicon patch panel.

Troubleshooting Analog Data Capture

Try these suggestions for troubleshooting analog data capture:

- Ensure that all analog data generating and capture devices (e.g. EMG equipment, force plates, MX Control) are connected to the same, earthed electrical output to ensure a good ground.
- Eliminate other devices on the same electrical circuit that may introduce noise or generate switching surges, such as electrical fan coils, lighting, and heating systems.
- Ensure that force plates are mounted stably and in such a way as to avoid vibrations from any source such as AC power equipment in an adjoining room or movement of the surrounding floor.
- Ensure that no power cables lie near the electrode cables for EMG equipment.

Try these suggestions for investigating noise problems that occur during analog data capture:

- Check the earthing in the laboratory to eliminate a poor ground as the source and also for reasons of safety.

- Check the electrical continuity of the shielding between the analog data generating device output and the Vicon patch panel with a multimeter.
- Test the Vicon capture system by injecting a known signal into it via the patch panel (e.g. connect a 9V battery—one of the small rectangular ones—or known voltage across an input channel and ground).
- Check the continuity of the connecting cables (100-way cable between Vicon patch panel and MX Control, interface cables from force plates and EMG equipment) with a multimeter to ensure no breakages are present.
- Use an oscilloscope to measure the signal present at the analog data generating device output connector.
- Ensure that all analog data generating devices (force plate amplifier, EMG equipment, etc.) share a common signal ground by correctly installing the interface cables such that the shields are connected to a SGND screw terminal on the Vicon patch panel.

This appendix describes the resources available to you to obtain support for your use of Vicon MX in Vicon MX systems. It also provides instructions on obtaining information from Vicon Online Support (VOS) on the Web.

Technical Support

Vicon Peak offers telephone, email, and online technical support.

Telephone

You can speak with Support Engineers in the US and UK offices:

Oxford

+44 (0)1865 261 800

09:00 to 17:00 Greenwich Mean Time

Los Angeles

+1 310 306 6131

9:00 to 17:00 Pacific Time

Denver

+1 (303) 799 8686

09:00 to 17:00 Mountain Time

Lake Forest

+1 (949) 472 9140

9:00 to 17:00 Pacific Time

Email

You can raise feature requests, bugs, and support issues via email:

support@vicon.com

World Wide Web

You can access support areas and FAQs on our Web-accessible knowledge base, Vicon Online Support (VOS):

http://www.vicon.com/support/online_Support.htm

For further details on using this online Technical Support service, see *Vicon Online Support (VOS)* on page C-1.

Useful References

Vicon 3D motion capture and analysis systems have been applied to technologies in the fields of human movement sciences, clinical analysis, computer animation, and engineering around the world.

You can use these resources to keep up-to-date with Vicon developments:

- **Vicon Newsletters**

You can register to receive Vicon newsletters via email for your field of interest by:

- Completing the form on the Contact page of our Web site:

<http://www.vicon.com/contact/>

- Sending an email request to:

moveme@vicon.com

- **The Standard**

You can view the latest issue of *The Standard* online or subscribe to receive a printed copy from the Web site:

<http://www.viconstandard.org/>

This publication contains articles on motion analysis in science and engineering research and application projects. Articles are contributed by practicing experts and leading authorities in laboratories throughout the world.

Vicon Online Support (VOS)

This section explains how to locate answers and solutions to product queries in the Vicon Online Support (VOS) knowledge base on the Web. VOS enables you to quickly locate topics providing answers to previous questions, submit new questions, and maintain details of interest to you.

Logging in to VOS

To access VOS on the Web, you must have a VOS User ID and password. If you do not have these details or need assistance with

logging in to VOS, contact Vicon Support, as described in *Technical Support* on page C-1.

To log in to VOS:

1. From a Web browser, enter the URL for VOS:

http://support.vicon.com/online_Support.html

2. Enter your VOS Username and Password and then click **Login**.

Tabs for **Home**, **Find Answer**, **Log a Case**, **View Cases**, and **Logout** are displayed along the top of the page. Your logged in information is displayed on the right side of the page beneath these tabs.

Lists of the **Top Answers** and any **Open Cases** you have raised are displayed on the **Home** page.

3. When you are ready to exit VOS, click the **Logout** tab.

Locating Topics in VOS

You can locate existing topics in VOS, such as answers to frequently asked questions in the **Find Answer** tab.

To locate topics in VOS:

1. Log in to **VOS**, as described in *Logging in to VOS* on page G-2.
2. Click the **Find Answer** tab.
3. In the **Search for** fields under the **Find Answer** section, type in the search text, select a search category from the drop-down list, and click **Find Answer**.

VOS searches its the selected area of its knowledge base for the specified text and returns a list of matching topics in the **Search Answers** section.

4. Under the **All Answers** section, click a link for either:
 - A general category. A list of topics within that category is displayed, from which you can click a specific topic to view.
 - A specific topic.

The selected topic is displayed.

Submitting Questions to VOS

If you cannot locate the information you need in VOS, you can submit your own question in the **Log a Case** tab. VOS creates a new case, which you can use to track the response to your query.

To submit a new question to VOS:

1. Log in to **VOS**, as described in *Logging in to VOS* on page G-2.
2. Click the **Log a Case** tab.
3. Complete all the required (*) fields, and any optional fields you wish to, and click **Submit**.
4. A confirmation page with the unique **Case Number**, **Subject**, and **Date/Time Opened** details for your new case is displayed.

A list of related answers currently in the VOS knowledge base is displayed in the **Suggested Answers** section, from which you can click a specific topic to view.

An VOS incident confirmation message with the details of the noted is automatically sent to the email account registered with Vicon Support.

Viewing Cases in VOS

You can view cases that have been raised for questions you submitted to VOS in the **View Cases** tab.

To view cases in VOS:

1. Log in to **VOS**, as described in *Logging in to VOS* on page G-2.
2. Click the **View Cases** tab.

A list of the cases you have raised that have not yet been resolved is displayed in the **My Open Cases** section.

3. In the **My Open Cases** section, click the desired button to review other answers:
 - **View All Cases.** Displays the **All Open Cases** section containing a list of all cases, including those raised by other users, that have not yet been resolved.
 - **View Closed Cases.** Displays the **All Closed Cases** section containing a list of all cases, including those raised by other users, that have been resolved.

- **View My Cases.** Displays the **My Open Cases** section containing a list of cases you have raised that have not yet been resolved.
- **View My Closed Cases.** Displays the **My Closed Cases** section containing a list of cases you have raised that have been resolved.

At Vicon, we are working to develop comprehensive and easy-to-use documentation to support your use of our products. We welcome your comments or suggestions on how we can continue to improve our product documentation.

Please provide your documentation feedback using Vicon Online Support (VOS) at http://www.vicon.com/support/online_Support.html. For details on VOS, see [Appendix G Support Resources](#).

Please include “Documentation Feedback” in the Summary line and provide the following details in the body of your message:

- **Product details**

- Product name, version number, and build number

- **Document details**

- Document title and revision number or copyright date
- Document type and content location:

Book	Chapter title, section title, and page number
Help	Topic title and section title
Release document	Document title and section title

- **Problem description**

- Brief description of current content, identifying your concerns (e.g. specify any factual inaccuracies, errors, or omissions; grammatical errors; navigation or information location problems)

- **Feedback details**

- Your suggestions for correcting or improving the documentation

Customer Satisfaction Survey

Please help us to improve our services by printing this page and sending your completed survey by fax or post to your nearest Vicon office. See the inside cover of this book for our contact details.

We value your honest opinion on the service you have received so far. We take your feedback into consideration when providing products and services in the future. If you have any questions or comments about this survey, please contact our Sales and Support Manager in our Oxford office.

Contact Name _____ **Title** _____

Organization _____ **Date** _____

For each question, check the box that most closely describes your opinion. Leave any that are not applicable blank.

How satisfied are you with the quality of your Vicon system? (1=Very, 5=Not at all)

☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5

How satisfied are you with the purchase experience of your Vicon system? (1=Very, 5=Not at all)

☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5

How satisfied are you with the value of your Vicon system? (1=Very, 5=Not at all)

☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5

How satisfied are you with the installation or your first usage of your Vicon system? (1=Very, 5=Not at all)

☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5

How often do you use your Vicon system? (1=Every day, 2= Every week, 3=Every 2-3 weeks, 4=Every month, 5=Every 2-3 months)

☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5

How satisfied are you with your continuing usage of your Vicon system? (1=Very, 5=Not at all)

☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5

How satisfied are you with the after-purchase service (e.g. warranty, repair, customer service) of your Vicon system? (1=Very, 5=Not at all)

☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5

How satisfied are you overall with your Vicon system? (1=Very, 5=Not at all)

☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5

How likely are you to buy another Vicon product in the future? (1=Very, 5=Not at all)

☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5

How likely are you to recommend Vicon to others? (1=Very, 5=Not at all)

☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5

How completely were any problems you contacted Vicon customer services about resolved? (1=Fully, 5=Not at all)

☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5

Please provide any additional information or comments

Glossary

Numerics

3D Workspace A type of view pane in a Vicon application software window in which reconstructed data from all active cameras is displayed in 3D (three-dimensional) perspective, that is length, width, and depth. Also see *View pane*.

A

Accessory kit A collection of specialized Vicon accessories for use with its motion capture systems. The kit typically contains items such as marker fixing tape, licensing dongles, Velcro™, Lycra™ suit, and retroreflective markers.

Activity bar A tabbed pane on the right side of an operating mode in a Vicon iQ or Tracker application software window. An activity bar provides the tools and functions relating to the current operating mode. Also see *Control bar* and *Operating mode*.

ADC option card An Analog-to-Digital Converter (ADC) device for converting voltage to a digital value that represents the signal at the instant at which it was sampled. Analog or audio ADC option cards are used to integrate a third-party device for capturing analog or audio data into a Vicon system.

Algorithm A well-defined procedure that transforms one or more given input variables into one or more output variables in a finite number of steps.

Alias An association between a virtual point and one or more markers whose gaps are to be filled using a virtual points fill operation in some Vicon application software. Also see *Marker* and *Virtual point*.

Analog A voltage that is limited to a maximum range of ± 10 v and can optionally be captured by Vicon systems, such as force plates, EMG measurements, or audio data. Also see *ADC option card*, *Datastation*, *EMG*, *Force plate*, *MX Control*, *Scale factor (analog)*, and *.vad file*.

Analog sampling frequency The rate (in Hertz) at which samples of analog data are taken. The higher the sampling frequency (that is, the more samples taken per second), the more closely the digitized data resembles the original data. Also see *Analog*.

Analog sensor An electronic device that produces a voltage proportional to the measured quantity, which must then be converted to a digital format by an ADC device before a computer can process it. Also see *ADC option card*, *Force plate*, *Reference video*, and *Sensor*.

Angle of view The total area, expressed as an angle, that the camera lens can reproduce as a sharp, focused image. Also see *Field of view*.

Aperture The diameter of the camera lens opening, which determines the amount of light that can pass through the lens in a given time. The size of the lens opening is controlled by an iris and is expressed in f-stop values (f1.4, f2, f2.8, f4, f5.6, f8, f11, f16, f22).

Typically, each f-stop value represents a 50 percent change in the amount of light. Smaller f-stop values represent wider apertures that allow more light to pass through. Larger f-stop values represent narrower apertures that allow less light to pass through. Also see *Depth of field* and *Field of view*.

Aspect ratio The proportional width and height of a picture, expressed in the format *w:h*.

Autolabel A process by which Vicon application software applies a previously generated autolabel calibration to a saved trial, identifies individual marker trajectories, and labels them automatically.

During this offline processing, the Vicon application software compares the reconstructed 3D markers in the 3D Workspace to the marker locations that the autolabel calibration process stored in the *.sp* or *.vsk* file for the subject. Also see *Autolabel calibration*, *Marker*, *.sp file*, *Subject calibration*, and *.vsk file*.

Autolabel calibration A process by which some Vicon application software identifies the relationship between the labels defined in the marker (*.mkr*) or Vicon skeleton template (*.vst*) file associated with a subject and the reconstructed 3D markers captured in a trial.

During this offline processing, the Vicon application software stores the marker locations in the subject parameters (*.sp*) or Vicon skeleton (*.vsk*) file. The Vicon application software can then apply this autolabel calibration to that subject in subsequent trials.

Some Vicon application software uses the subject calibration process instead. Also see *Autolabel*, *.mkr file*, *Pipeline*, *.sp file*, *Subject calibration*, *.vsk file*, *.vst file*, and *Workstation*.

.avi file Audio Video Interleaved file. A Microsoft Windows binary file with extension *.avi*, which combines multimedia sound and moving picture data in a single stream in the Microsoft RIFF (Resource Interchange File Format) format. Vicon application software can

play—and optionally generate—.avi files. Additional compressor/decompressor (codec) software may be required for certain *.avi* files. Also see *Reference video*.

B

Band-pass filter A filter that permits only signals within a specified range of frequencies to be passed through. Some Vicon cameras are fitted with band-pass interference optical filters that allow the specific wavelengths of light emitted by the Vicon strobe units to pass. Also see *Low-pass filter*, *MX Camera*, and *Strobe unit*.

Blob In Vicon V-series systems, a continuous area of above-threshold data from the camera. Blobs are submitted as candidates to Vicon circle-fitting algorithms to determine which are likely to be markers. Also see *Grayscale blob*.

Blooming The defocusing of a picture due to excessive brightness. This can occur when a Vicon marker is close to a camera with high sensitivity or whose aperture is too wide. This can be resolved by altering sensitivity and/or the aperture or possibly by moving the camera. Also see *Aperture* and *Marker*.

BNC connector British Naval Connector (BNC). A durable cable connector that transfers signals between devices. It connects with a push and a twist. Also see *LEMO® connector*.

BOB Break Out Box. A hardware unit in Vicon V-series systems used to connect one to three cameras to a single port on the Datastation. Also referred to as a Camera Interface Unit. Also see *Datastation*.

BodyBuilder Vicon application software for kinematic and kinetic modeling, which reduces complex 3D vector algebra into a

simple scripting language, called BodyLanguage. Also see *BodyLanguage*, *Pipeline*, *Plug-in Modeler*, and *Workstation*.

BodyLanguage A scripting language used in BodyBuilder to create biomechanical models. Also see *BodyBuilder*.

Bones See *Segment*.

Bounding box A semitransparent 3D box drawn around each segment defined in the kinematic model for a subject (as specified in the .vsk or .vst file). This display is optional and is used for visualization purposes only. Also see *Subject*, *.vsk file*, and *.vst file*.

Burn-in window See *Video Burn-in window*.

C

.c3d file A binary file with extension .c3d, which contains among other details, the 3D reconstructions of video data, unlabeled trajectory data, analog data, and parameters. Vicon application software creates .c3d files when it reconstructs and saves video data captured by the Vicon system. By default, .c3d files are saved to the active Session folder of the open database. This is a public domain file format that also can be read and written by third-party applications (for further details, visit <http://www.c3d.org/>). Also see *Analog*, *Eclipse database*, *Label*, *Reconstruction*, and *Trajectory*.

Cadence A temporal parameter used in gait analysis for the number of strides the subject takes per minute. Also see *Gait analysis*.

Calibration See *Autolabel calibration*, *Camera calibration*, *Floor plane calibration*, and *Subject calibration*.

Calibration health check The process by which some Vicon application software determines the state of each camera, provides information about possible reflections in a camera's view, and identifies any cameras whose calibration may need to be repaired. Also see *Camera calibration* and *Camera calibration repair*.

Calibration kit A collection of specialized Vicon calibration objects for use in the Dynamic Calibration (DynaCal) process for calibrating Vicon systems and cameras. Also see *Calibration object* and *Camera calibration*.

Calibration object A specialized piece of equipment used to calibrate the capture volume and Vicon cameras. There are two basic types of calibration object: a frame and a wand. Both types are typically made of metal and have retroreflective markers attached.

The Vicon application software uses the known physical dimensions and distance between the markers on a calibration object to calculate calibration parameters. Also see *Calibration kit*, *Calibration wand*, *Camera calibration*, and *Static calibration object*.

Calibration reference object file See *.cro file*.

Calibration volume The three-dimensional area of the capture space (length, width, and depth) calculated by the camera calibration process. This volume can be visualized in the 3D Workspace in Vicon application software. Also see *3D Workspace*, *Capture volume*, and *Reconstruction volume*.

Calibration wand A calibration object used in the camera calibration process. Pieces for constructing different types of calibration wand are supplied in the Vicon

calibration kit. Also see *Calibration kit*, *Calibration object*, and *Camera calibration*.

Camera calibration Also known as system calibration and dynamic calibration (DynaCal). The two- stage process by which Vicon application software calibrates the system.

During the dynamic stage, a calibration wand is used to measure the physical position and orientation of each Vicon camera in the system and determine any lens linearization correction required.

During the static stage, a static calibration object is used to set the global coordinate system for the capture or tracking volume.

The camera calibration is used in reconstructing the 3D motion from all the cameras. Also see *Calibration wand*, *Capture volume*, *Global coordinate system*, *Static calibration object*, and *Tracking volume*.

Camera calibration repair The process by which Vicon application software repairs the calibration for one or more specified cameras. This might be required if a camera has been moved from its original position or has been identified as requiring repair. Also see *Camera calibration* and *Calibration health check*.

Camera interface unit See *BOB*.

Camera mask In Vicon V-series systems, a simple shape that is used to obscure raw 2D camera data, such as unwanted reflections, opposing camera strobe units, and direct light sources that are seen by a camera. You can have Vicon application software automatically create camera masks, or you can create them yourself. The equivalent functionality for Vicon MX systems is provided by threshold grids. Also see

.msk file, *Vicon V-series system*, and *Threshold grid*.

Camera ray A line displayed in the 3D Workspace identifying the Vicon camera that contributed to the reconstruction of a marker. Also see *3D Workspace*, *Marker*, and *Reconstruction*.

Camera resection See *Camera calibration repair*.

Camera video sensor A device that measures illumination and converts it to a digital signal. Also see *MX Camera*, *Sensor*, and *Vicon V-series system*.

Camera view pane A type of view pane in a Vicon application software window in which raw, 2D camera data for an individual camera is displayed. Also see *View pane*.

Capture See *Motion capture*.

Capture data A single, contiguous period of motion capture data acquired by a Vicon system. This can include video data from Vicon cameras; analog data from third-party analog devices; or movie or reference data from external video or audio recording devices.

Capture space The full dimensions (length, width, and depth) of the room being used as a Vicon motion capture studio (for entertainment applications) or laboratory (for life sciences applications).

Capture volume The area of the capture space in which Vicon cameras are able to capture the motion of trial subjects. Also see *Capture space*, *Calibration volume*, *Reconstruction volume*, and *Subject*.

.car file Capture Analog Reconstruction file. A text file with extension *.car*, which contains all the parameters required for capture and reconstruction in Workstation application software. This file is created

when a system or session configuration is specified in Workstation and initially contains the default parameters for the system. Also see *Motion capture* and *Reconstruction*.

CCD Charge Coupled Device. An image sensor consisting of a grid of pixels made up of capacitors sensitive to light. An image is projected through a lens onto the capacitor array, causing each capacitor to accumulate an electric charge proportional to the light intensity at that location. This charge is subsequently converted into a voltage, and the voltage for each pixel is read out from the sensor. Also see *CMOS* and *Sensor*.

CCIR Consultative Committee for International Radio (the predecessor of the International Telecommunication Union–Telecommunication Standardization Bureau, ITU–T). A format defined for analog black and white television, with a vertical resolution of 625 lines and a base frame rate of 25 Hz. This is the format used in Europe. CCIR uses the EBU timecode standard. Also see *EBU timecode*, *EIA*, *LTC*, *PAL*, *SECAM*, *Timecode*, and *VITC*.

Center of Mass The theoretical point of a segment or body at which the whole mass may be considered as concentrated. Also see *Segment*.

Centroid In Vicon MX, a 2D circle with cross-hairs for the horizontal and vertical radii fitted around the center of intensity calculated for a grayscale blob viewed by an MX camera. The equivalent for Vicon V-series systems is a circle. Also see *Circle*, *Centroid fitting*, and *Grayscale blob*.

Centroid fitting In Vicon MX, the process by which algorithms in MX cameras or in Vicon application software calculate the center of intensity for a grayscale blob and fit a centroid

around it. The equivalent functionality for Vicon V-series systems is provided by circle fitting. Also see *Centroid*, *Circle fitting*, and *Grayscale blob*.

Centroids data In Vicon MX, the x,y coordinates and the radius of the centroid calculated for a grayscale blob. Also see *Centroid* and *Grayscale blob*.

CG plug-in Computer Graphics plug-in. A software module that facilitates the import of Vicon data into a third-party animation package. Also see *Plug-in*.

Child segment A segment in a kinematic model whose attributes are controlled by a parent segment. A child segment also can be the parent of other child segments. Also see *Parent segment*.

Circle In Vicon V-series systems, a 2D circular shape fitted to a series of horizontal video lines for a blob. Also see *Blob* and *Circle fitting*. For Vicon MX systems, see *Centroid*.

Circle fitting In Vicon V-series systems, the process by which algorithms in Vicon application software calculate a central coordinate for a marker based on three or more horizontal video lines. The equivalent functionality for Vicon MX systems is provided by centroid fitting. Also see *Algorithm*, *Centroid fitting*, and *Circle*.

CMOS Complementary Metal-Oxide-Semiconductor. An approach to the design and implementation of digital circuits on silicon chips. Image sensors produced by the CMOS process are an alternative to CCD sensors and offer the advantage of requiring less power. CMOS sensors consist of a grid of pixels each made up of a photodetector and several transistors. An image is projected through a lens onto the sensor, and a voltage is read from each pixel proportional to the light intensity at that

location. Also see *CCD* and *Sensor*.

Composite video signal A video signal containing all the necessary chrominance (color), luminance (black and white), and synchronization pulses combined using a standard such as PAL or NTSC. Also see *NTSC*, *PAL*, *Progressive video*, *Synchronization*, and *Synchronization*.

.conf file An XML file with extension *.conf* which contains Vicon Nexus configuration settings. This file is created by Nexus. Also see *Nexus*.

Constraint The mathematical relationship between one element in a kinematic model and another element whose behavior it controls. For example, a segment may be constrained by a marker, the path a muscle takes over a segment may be constrained by a wrap object, or the position of a segment or model marker may be constrained in the local coordinate system. Also see *Local coordinate system*, *Marker*, and *Segment*.

Context The condition or circumstance that relates data in an event (e.g. left and right foot events in gait analysis). Also see *Event*.

Context bar The area below the Time Bar ruler in which events contained in context that are currently in use are displayed in some Vicon application software. Also see *Context*, *Event*, and *Time bar*.

Control bar A tabbed pane on the left side of an operating mode in a Vicon iQ or Tracker application software window. A control bar may contain either options for determining the way data is displayed in the workspace or help on using the application. Also see *Activity bar* and *Operating mode*.

Coordinates data In Vicon MX, the x and y location of the start and end points

of a line of illuminated pixels in a grayscale blob; it is the grayscale data without the pixel values. Coordinates data can be displayed as just the start and end edges of each line of grayscale, or with connecting lines between the start and end edges. The latter looks similar to edge data from Vicon V-series cameras. Also see *Edges* and *Grayscale blob*.

.cp file Calibration Parameters file. A text file with extension *.cp*, which contains the calibration parameters specified for a set of Vicon cameras. This file is created during the camera calibration process and used when data from these cameras is processed. A copy of the *.cp* file is saved to the active Session folder of the open database. Similar functionality is provided by the *.xcp* file in Vicon Nexus application software. Also see *Camera calibration*, *Nexus* and *.xcp file*.

.cro file Calibration Reference Object file. A text file with extension *.cro*, which contains for one or more calibration objects the coordinates of its markers in relation to each other. This file also contains configuration entries for each of the calibration objects supplied in the Vicon calibration kit, so they can be selected in Workstation application software. These *.cro* files are installed in the Vicon Calibration Objects folder (by default, *C:\Program Files\Vicon\System\CalibrationObjects*). Also see *Marker*, *Calibration kit*, and *Calibration object*.

.csm file Character Studio Motion capture file. A text file with extension *.csm*, which contains capture data from a Vicon system in a format that can be used by 3D Studio Max. This file is created by a pipeline operation in some Vicon application software and saved in the active Session folder of the open database. Also see *Capture data* and *Pipeline*.

D

Data acquisition The process by which Vicon motion capture and analysis systems convert information from real-world sources to digital form in which it may be stored, manipulated, analyzed, and displayed. Also see *Data streaming* and *Motion capture*.

Data capture See *Motion capture* and *Movie capture*.

Data file Related pieces of data organized in a specific manner. Data files contain information but not instructions or programs.

Data streaming The passing of real-time motion data from some Vicon application software to Vicon or third-party visualization software. Also see *Data acquisition*, *Motion capture*, and *Visualization software*.

Datastation In Vicon V-series systems, a Vicon hardware unit that captures and synchronizes all Vicon camera and analog data. This unit provides the link between the Vicon cameras, the host PC running the Vicon application software, and any third-party analog devices. Also see *Analog*, *Host PC*, and *Vicon V-series system*.

DCAM Instrumentation and Industrial Control Working Group (IIDC) 1394-based Digital Camera Specification. A standard for digital cameras that output uncompressed image data without audio and are to be connected to a computer using an IEEE 1394 connector. The Vicon Reference Video option supports the Basler range of DCAM cameras. Also see *IIDC 1394* and *Reference video*.

Degree of freedom (DOF) An indication of how freely a joint is able to move (translate or rotate) in respect to its parent segment. This is expressed as the minimum number of coordinates

required to completely specify the rotational (R_x , R_y , and R_z) and/or translational (T_x , T_y , T_z) movement of the joint.

0 DOF indicates a fixed joint with no rotational or translation freedom. 1 DOF indicates a hinge joint with rotational freedom around a single axis. 2 DOF indicates a universal joint with two rotational degrees of freedom around two orthogonal axes. 3 DOF indicates a ball-and-socket joint with full rotational (but not translational) freedom. 6 DOF indicates a free joint with full translational as well as rotational freedom. Also see *Rotation* and *Translation*.

Depth of field The distance between the nearest object in focus and the furthest object in focus within a scene as viewed by a particular camera lens. Outside this area, moving towards or away from the lens, the focus becomes progressively less sharp and the image appears out of focus. Depth of field varies with subject-to-camera distance, lens focal length, and lens aperture. Also see *Aperture* and *Focal length*.

DOF See *Degree of freedom (DOF)*.

Dolly The moving of a camera along a horizontal axis closer to (dolly in) or further from (dolly out) the subject. Also see *Pan*, *Tilt*, and *Truck*.

Dongle A hardware security device connected to an input/output port on a computer to permit the use of licensed software on that computer. Vicon application software is licensed using a HASP dongle, which must be plugged into the appropriate port (parallel or USB) on the computer while the software is in use.

Double support A temporal parameter used in gait analysis for the period of time, or the percentage of the gait cycle,

where both feet are on the ground. Also see *Gait analysis* and *Single support*.

Driver A hardware device or software program that controls a specific hardware device, such as a video driver.

Drop frame See *SMPTE drop-frame timecode*.

DV Digital Video. A video-recording format that stores compressed video image and sound data in digital format based on the IEEE 1394 standard. Also see *IEEE 1394* and *Reference video*.

DV video See *Reference video*.

DynaCal Dynamic Calibration. See *Camera calibration*.

Dynamic trial A data capture during which the target of the trial moves. Also see *Object, Range of Motion (RoM) trial*, *Static trial*, and *Subject*.

E

Earth See *Ground*.

EBU timecode The standard of timecode defined by the European Broadcasting Union, which is based on video cameras operating at multiples of 25 Hz. During videotaping, frame numbers corresponding to a particular video frame are encoded in either LTC or VITC. Also see *CCIR*, *LTC*, *PAL*, *SECAM*, *SMPTE timecode*, *Timecode*, and *VITC*.

Eclipse data directory browser A window in which new Eclipse databases can be created or the contents of existing databases can be viewed and managed in Vicon application software (similar functionality is provided by the Data Management window in Vicon Nexus). Also see *Eclipse database*.

Eclipse database The Vicon integrated data management tool, which Vicon application software uses to store and

manage all data associated with Vicon motion capture trials. Data is organized in a hierarchical structure, with specific data and information stored in relevant nodes. Also see *Eclipse data directory browser*, *.enf file*, *.eni file*, *Motion capture*, and *Trial*.

Edges In Vicon V-series systems, the start and end points of horizontal lines of video data for a blob. This looks similar to the display of Vicon MX coordinates data with connecting lines. Also see *Blob* and *Coordinates data*.

Edit options A dialog box in which users can configure parameters to control the behavior of a specific feature or function in Vicon application software.

EIA Electronic Industries Alliance (formerly Electronic Industry Association). A format defined for analog black and white television, with a vertical resolution of 525 lines and a base frame rate of 29.97 Hz. This format is used in Canada, Japan, Korea, Mexico, USA, and parts of Central and South America. EIA uses the SMPTE timecode standard. Also see *CCIR*, *LTC*, *NTSC*, *SMPTE timecode*, *Timecode*, and *VITC*.

EMG Electromyography. A test for detecting the electrical activity of muscles and the nerves controlling them to assess their health. Vicon application software can record and analyze the analog signals from third-party EMG devices integrated into a Vicon system. Also see *Analog*, *Datastation*, and *MX Control*.

.enf file Eclipse Node File. A text file with extension *.enf*, which contains all the information about a specific node level in an Eclipse database. This file contains the default fields defined in the *.eni* file on which it was based. An *.enf* file is generated for each node in an Eclipse database. Also see *Eclipse database* and *.eni file*.

.eni file Eclipse Node Initialization file. A text file with extension *.eni*, which contains a definition of the default hierarchy of Eclipse database nodes for a specific application area, such as animation, clinical, and generic. This file is used as a template for creating specific *.enf* files. The root *.eni* files are contained in the Vicon Eclipse folder (by default, *C:\Program Files\Vicon\Eclipse*). Also see *Eclipse database* and *.enf file*.

Ergo calibration frame A type of static calibration object. This object is a triangular metal frame with a rectangular hole, four markers positioned on its upper side, adjuster screws, and two spirit levels. Also see *Static calibration object*.

Ethernet network A local area network (LAN) architecture based on the IEEE 802.3 standard for contention networks. Standard Ethernet supports data transfer rates of 10 Mbps. 100Base-T (or Fast Ethernet) supports data transfer rates of 100 Mbps. Gigabit Ethernet supports data transfer rates of 1 Gigabit. A Vicon system runs over its own dedicated Ethernet network; Vicon MX uses Gigabit Ethernet communications. Also see *LAN*.

Euler angles The three angles defining the three rotation matrices of an object about an axis. These angles are used to relate two orthogonal coordinate systems in a kinematic model for a motion capture subject. Also see *Kinematic model* and *Rotation*.

Event A single action in the time span of a trial. For example, a foot contacting the floor during a walking trial is an event. Each event must have an associated context. Events are indicated on the context bar in some Vicon application software. Also see *Context*, *Context bar*, and *Normalization scheme*.

F

F-stop See *Aperture*.

Field An assembly of alternate lines of video information. For interlaced video, an interlaced frame is composed of two fields (odd and even scanning lines of the picture). Also see *Frame* and *Frame rate*.

Field of view The total area that can be seen through the camera lens. Also see *Aperture* and *Depth of field*.

FireWire A proprietary implementation of the IEEE 1394 standard by Apple Computer Inc. Also see *IEEE 1394*.

Firmware A set of software routines stored in the read-only memory (ROM) of MX cameras and of some MX hardware units to control their operation and enable them to perform their own processing. Also see *MX Bridge*, *MX Camera*, and *MX Control*.

Floor plane calibration The process by which Vicon application software refines the initial calibration of the floor plane of the capture volume determined during the system calibration. This is done to account for uneven areas that otherwise would cause the X and Y axes to be on a plane higher or lower than the Z origin. Also see *Capture volume* and *System calibration*.

FMV Full Motion Video. Prerecorded television-quality movie or computer-generated (CG) animation included in a video game. FMV is typically used to provide more complex effects than can be produced in the game engine itself. FMV may be incorporated in entertainment applications.

Focal length The distance from the center of the camera lens to a focused image with the lens focused on infinity. Short focal lengths offer a broad field of view, while long focal lengths offer a

narrow field of view. Zoom lenses have variable focal lengths.

Foot contact A temporal parameter used in gait analysis for the point in time, or the percentage of the gait cycle, where the foot hits the ground. Also see *Foot off* and *Gait analysis*.

Foot off A temporal parameter used in gait analysis for the point in time, or the percentage of the gait cycle, where the foot leaves the ground. Also see *Foot contact* and *Gait analysis*.

Force A vector quantity that tends to produce an acceleration of a body in the direction of its application. Force is used to describe the action of one body on another, which may be direct, such as the foot pressing on the floor, or indirect, such as the gravitational attraction between the body and the earth. Also see *Force plate*, *Moment*, and *Vector*.

Force plate Also referred to as a force platform. An electromechanical device for measuring kinetic data as a subject makes contact with or applies force to the platform. The force plate gives electrical signals proportional to the component 3D forces and moments. Vicon application software can record and analyze the analog signals from supported third-party force plates integrated into a Vicon system. Also see *Analog*, *Datastation*, *Force*, *Kinetics*, and *MX Control*.

Forward dynamics (kinetics) The process of calculating the position, orientation, velocity, acceleration, angular velocity, and angular acceleration of the elements of an articulated structure, given the force and moment (torque) applied to those elements and their mass and inertia. Also see *Forward kinematics*, *Inverse dynamics (kinetics)*, *Inverse kinematics*, and *Kinetics*.

Forward kinematics The process of calculating the position and orientation of the elements of an articulated structure, given the angles at all the joints connecting those elements. This is a fully determined problem with a unique solution. Also see *Forward dynamics (kinetics)*, *Inverse dynamics (kinetics)*, *Inverse kinematics*, and *Kinematics*.

Frame A complete video picture composed of two scanned fields at a specific period of time in a continuous video signal. For example PAL video contains 25 frames per second, and each of these frames is made up of two fields that together contain 625 horizontal lines of video information. For non-interlaced data, a frame is synonymous with a field. For interlaced data, a frame is composed of two fields: one even and one odd. Also see *Field*, *Frame number*, *Frame rate*, *NTSC*, *PAL* and *Progressive video*.

Frame number The sequential number assigned to each frame of a video. Also see *Frame* and *Timecode*.

Frame rate The number of times a second the picture is updated to provide the illusion of continuous movement. Also thought of as the speed at which video cameras capture data, frame rate is measured in either frames per second (fps) or camera frequency in Hertz. The camera frame rate can be configured in Vicon application software. In *.avi* files, the frame rate refers to the rate at which the video will be played back. Also see *.avi file*, *Frame*, and *Frame rate view pane*.

Frame rate view pane A type of view pane in a Vicon iQ application software window in which a range of diagnostic real-time graphing views for all active cameras can be displayed: frame rate, mean residual, marker residual, marker

separation. Also see *Frame rate* and *View pane*.

Fullscreen preview A type of view pane in some Vicon application software in which the unthresholded, full grayscale image from the entire CMOS sensor in an MX camera is displayed. Also see *CMOS* and *Grayscale blob*.

G

Gain A multiplicative increase (or decrease) in a voltage or digital signal by a specified magnitude. Adjusting the gain in a Vicon camera increases or decreases the intensity of a marker displayed in the workspace. Also see *Marker* and *Workspace*.

Gait analysis The study of human movement for medical purposes. Vicon application software can record and analyze such data to generate kinematic and kinetic data. Also see *Force plate*, *Kinematics* and *Kinetics*.

Gap An absence of one or more reconstructions for a marker trajectory. A gap can occur when a marker is fully occluded (or blocked) from the camera's view during motion capture, thus resulting in missing data for that marker during that period of time. Gaps can be filled using editing tools in Vicon application software. Also see *Reconstruction*, *Tail*, and *Trajectory*.

Genlock The process of sync generator locking. A genlock device enables a composite video signal from a master source to be introduced to the subject sync generator. The generator to be locked has circuits to isolate vertical drive, horizontal drive, and subcarrier.

Vicon systems provide genlock functionality to synchronize Vicon cameras to the scan rate of incoming video signals from an external PAL,

SECAM, or NTSC video source integrated in the Vicon system. A Vicon MX system also can act as the synchronization master. Also see *Datastation*, *MX Control*, *NTSC*, *PAL*, and *SECAM*.

Ghost marker Also known as ghost trajectory. A spurious marker trajectory produced by the reconstruction process. A ghost marker is a false reconstruction that appears as an additional trajectory very close to an existing one over a short duration. Also see *Reconstruction* and *Trajectory*.

Global coordinate system The coordinates defining the origin (0,0,0) and the axes (x,y,z) of the world in the context of the Vicon capture volume. Also see *Capture volume*, *Volume origin* and *Workspace axes*.

.gpo file General Purpose Output file. An XML file with extension *.gpo*, which specifies the characteristics of a synchronization signal through the GPO ports of an MX Control or MX Ultranet unit. For example, *.gpo* files supplied with the Vicon Reference Video system option specify the relationship of the frame rate of a connected reference video camera with that of the MX cameras. Also see *Frame rate*, *MX Camera*, *MX Control*, *MX Ultranet*, and *Reference video*.

Grayscale blob In Vicon MX systems, the raw, 2D grayscale data MX cameras generate for reflections from objects in the capture volume. Such data is submitted as candidates to MX centroid-fitting algorithms to determine which are likely to be markers. Also see *Blob* and *Centroid fitting*.

Grayscale data In Vicon MX, the complete pixel and line information for a grayscale blob. Also see *Grayscale blob*.

Ground Also known as earth. A point that is assumed to be at a zero voltage potential.

H

Host PC The computer in a Vicon system architecture that contains a dedicated Ethernet port for Vicon system communications and on which the core Vicon application software is installed. The host PC enables communications between the Vicon application software and other Vicon system components. Additional network ports and Vicon application or third-party software may be installed on the host PC, depending upon the computer specification. Also see *Vicon application software*.

.hsf file Hardware Settings File. An XML file with extension *.hsf*, which contains hardware, system, and synchronization settings that affect Vicon MX cameras. You can specify settings that are added to the default *HardwareSettings.hsf* file supplied with Vicon iQ (by default, under *C:\Program Files\Vicon\ViconIQ 2.5\Config*) Alternatively, you can save settings to your own *.hsf* files to suit your particular needs; these are saved to the active Session folder of the open database. Also see *MX Camera* and *Vicon MX*.

I

i.LINK A proprietary implementation of the IEEE 1394 standard by Sony Corporation. Also see *IEEE 1394*.

IEEE 1394 A standard for connecting digital devices without requiring analog-to-digital conversion. It is typically used for transferring digital video to and from video equipment and computers and for connecting storage devices. Vicon MX supports synchronous movie image

capture using an IEEE 1394 digital video capture card installed on the host PC. Also see *FireWire*, *i.LINK*, and *Reference video*.

IIDC 1394 See *DCAM*.

Image circle The diameter of the sharp, circular image that the camera lens casts onto the sensor. This indicates the maximum area of usable quality image that the lens can produce.

Impedance The total opposition to the flow of alternating or direct current specified for signal input/output connections.

Interpolation The process by which Vicon application software fills a gap in a trajectory by calculating a smooth curve between the broken ends. Also see *Trajectory*.

Inverse dynamics (kinetics) The process of calculating the force and moment (torque) acting on the elements of an articulated structure, given the mass, inertia, position, orientation, velocity, acceleration, angular velocity, and angular acceleration of those elements. Inverse dynamics approaches are used in Vicon application software for biomechanical modeling applications. Also see *Forward dynamics (kinetics)*, *Forward kinematics*, *Inverse kinematics*, and *Kinetics*.

Inverse kinematics The process of calculating the angles at all the joints connecting the elements of an articulated structure, given the position and orientation of those elements. Inverse kinematics approaches are used in Vicon application software for biomechanical modeling applications and skeleton editing.

In animation applications, inverse kinematics 'solvers' attempt to deduce the motion of segments based on a

desired result, commonly the position of the end element (or effector) in an articulated structures. Examples are the positioning of legs by moving the feet, or of arms by moving the hands. This is an inverse problem without a unique solution. Also see *Forward dynamics (kinetics)*, *Forward kinematics*, *Inverse dynamics (kinetics)*, *Kinematics*, and *Segment*.

Iris The device inside the camera lens that controls the aperture size. Also see *Aperture*.

K

Kinematic fitting The process by which Vicon application software positions the segments in the kinematic model so that segments on the model fit to the labeled trajectories. Also see *3D Workspace*, *Kinematic model*, *Segment*, *Trajectory*, and *.vsk file*.

Kinematic model A mathematical description of a moving object. Kinematic models for subjects or objects whose motion is being captured or analyzed in a Vicon system are contained in Vicon Skeleton Template (.vst) and Vicon Skeleton (.vsk) files. A representation of the kinematic model for a subject can be displayed in the 3D Workspace. Also see *Kinematics*, *Kinematic fitting*, *.vsk file*, and *.vst file*.

Kinematics The study of motion without reference to its cause or its mass. Vicon application software is concerned with angular and linear displacements, velocity, and acceleration. Also see *Forward kinematics* and *Inverse kinematics*.

Kinetics The study of the changes in motion as a result of external factors, including internal forces (muscle activity, ligaments or friction in muscles and

joints) and external forces (ground or external loads). Vicon application software is concerned with kinetic forces, moments (torque), and power. Also see *Force*, *Forward dynamics (kinetics)*, *Inverse dynamics (kinetics)*, and *Moment*.

L

L-frame A type of static calibration object. Also referred to as an ergo calibration frame. Also see *Static calibration object* and *Ergo calibration frame*.

Label A name by which a point or the trajectory of a marker is identified in Vicon application software. The labels to be used to identify the reconstructed 3D markers are defined in kinematic model (.vst or .vsk file) for the subject or in the associated marker (.mkr) file. Also see *Marker*, *.mkr file*, *Trajectory*, *.vsk file*, and *.vst file*.

LAN Local Area Network. A short-distance data communications network—typically within a single building or group of buildings—used to connect computers in order to share data and peripheral devices (such as printers, CD-ROM drives, and modems). Each device on a LAN is known as a node; nodes are connected by cables through which messages are transmitted. Also see *Ethernet network*.

LEMO® connector An electronic connector for attaching electro-optic devices. Connects with a push-pull self-latching mechanism. Also see *BNC connector*.

Limp index A temporal parameter used in gait analysis for the total support (single + double) for the current foot divided by the total support for the opposite foot. For a symmetric walk, the

limp index is exactly one. Also see *Double support*, *Gait analysis*, and *Single support*.

Live 3D Workspace See *3D Workspace*.

Local coordinate system A coordinate system whose origin (0,0,0) and axes (x,y,z) are fixed with respect to a particular segment or element in a kinematic model, as opposed to the global origin and axes directions. Also see *Capture volume*, *Global coordinate system*, *Kinematic model*, *Volume origin*, and *Workspace axes*.

Low-pass filter A filter that permits only signal components below a specified frequency to be passed through. Some Vicon cameras are fitted with low-pass absorptive optical filters that allow low-frequency light from Vicon strobe units to pass. Also see *Band-pass filter*, *MX Camera*, and *Strobe unit*.

LTC Longitudinal Timecode. A form of timecode compatible with standard audio channels so that they can be recorded onto an audio tape track or an audio track on video tape. Also see *EBU timecode*, *SMPTE timecode*, *Timecode*, and *VITC*.

M

Marker 1) A sphere, hemisphere, or disk coated with a highly retroreflective material which is attached to a subject or object whose motion is being captured or analyzed in a Vicon system. The Vicon cameras are designed to capture the pattern of light reflected from such a marker and convert it into an image that represents the position and radius of the marker. Also see *Subject* and *Object*.

2) The 3D representation of a retroreflective marker generated by Vicon application software (also referred to as a model marker). The expected location of

all markers attached to a subject whose motion is being captured or analyzed in a Vicon system is defined in the kinematic model (.vst or .vsk file) for the subject or in the associated marker (.mkr) file.

These can be visualized as elements of the 3D representation of the subject. Also see *Kinematic model*, *.mkr file*, *Subject*, *.vsk file*, and *.vst file*.

Marker covariance A 3D representation in Vicon application software of how much a marker is allowed to move in relation to its associated segment or joint, based on the subject's RoM trial. Also see *Marker*, *Range of Motion (RoM) trial*, and *Segment*.

Mask See *Camera mask*.

MCam A high-resolution, high-speed digital CMOS sensor camera used in a Vicon V-series system. There are Mcam cameras that lock to PAL or NTSC video systems and run in synchronous multiples of their base frame rate. MCam cameras can be integrated into a Vicon MX system using the MX Bridge unit. Also see *CMOS*, *MX Bridge*, *NTSC*, *PAL*, *Vicon MX*, and *Vicon V-series system*.

MCam2 A high-resolution, high-speed digital CMOS sensor camera used in a Vicon V-series system. MCam2 cameras can be integrated into a Vicon MX system using the MX Bridge unit. Also see *CMOS*, *MX Bridge*, and *Vicon V-series system*.

.mkr file Marker file. A text file with extension .mkr, which specifies the labels to be used on the markers displayed in the 3D Workspace in Vicon application software and indicates the placement of the physical markers on the subject or object whose motion is being captured or analyzed in a Vicon system. The file also can include information about body segments, modeled data, and how the subject will be displayed in the

3D Workspace. You can use any of the default *.mkr* files supplied with your Vicon application software or create your own to suit your particular needs. Vicon-supplied *.mkr* files are installed under the Vicon Models directory (by default, *C:\Program Files\Vicon\Models*). Also see *Kinematic model*, *Label*, *Marker*, *Object*, *Segment*, and *Subject*.

Model marker See *Marker* definition 2.

Moment A vector quantity representing the turning effect produced by a force. This is calculated as the product of the force and the perpendicular distance between the point of application of the force and the axis of rotation. Also see *Force* and *Vector*.

.monitors file An XML file with extension *.monitors*, which contains configuration settings for event monitors and alarms created in the Monitors status pane in Vicon Nexus. Also see *Nexus*.

Motion capture The recording of motion data with a Vicon system from retroreflective markers attached to a subject or object. Also *Marker*, *Object*, and *Subject*.

Motorcycle pose A form of the neutral pose typically used when capturing a RoM trial in Vicon iQ. In this pose, the subject stands in the basic neutral pose with the knees slightly flexed, the arms out straight to the sides, elbows bent forward, and hands in front with palms facing down (in a position similar to holding the handlebars of a motorcycle). Also see *Neutral pose*, *T-pose*, and *Range of Motion (RoM) trial*.

Movie capture A Vicon system option for Workstation application software that enables movie data from analog video cameras or digital video cameras to be captured simultaneously with optical motion data from Vicon systems. This

functionality has been augmented by the Reference Video option available for Vicon MX systems.

For analog camera capture, a Broadway option card must be installed in the host PC, and the captured data is stored in *.mpeg* files. For DV camera capture, an IEEE 1394 option card is required, and the captured data is stored in *.avi* files. Also see *.avi file*, *DV*, *IEEE 1394*, *.mpeg file*, *Polygon*, *Reference video*, *Vicon iQ*, *Vicon MX*, and *Workstation*.

.mpeg file A binary file with extension *.mpeg* or *.mpg*, which contains video and audio information in the MPEG (Moving Picture Experts Group) standard format. Vicon application software can play and generate *.mpeg* files. Also see *Reference video*.

.msk file Mask file. A binary file with extension *.msk*, which contains a set of user-defined camera masks to obscure raw, 2D data viewed by Vicon cameras in a Vicon V-series system. By default, *.msk* files are saved to the active Session folder of the open database. Also see *Camera mask* and *Vicon V-series system*.

MX Bridge An optional MX hardware unit that provides the interface between Vicon MX and any *MCam*, *MCam2*, *VCam*, and *SV Cam* cameras supported previously by Vicon V-series systems. The MX Bridge acts like an MX emulator and transforms the images sent by these V-series cameras to the grayscale data format used in Vicon MX. Also see *Grayscale data*, *Vicon MX*, and *Vicon V-series system*.

MX Camera A high-resolution, digital, CMOS sensor camera used in Vicon MX systems supplied before July 2006; later systems use MX+ cameras.

Three types of MX camera are available: MX40, MX13, and MX3. MX cameras

provide high-speed and low-latency motion capture. Each MX camera is programmed with Vicor application firmware to control its operation and enable it to perform its own onboard processing. Also see *CMOS*, *MX+ Camera*, *MX3/MX3+*, *MX13/MX13+*, *MX40/MX40+*, *Vicon application software*, and *Firmware*.

MX+ Camera A high-resolution, digital, CMOS sensor camera used in Vicor MX systems. The MX+ cameras, made of lead-free components to comply with environmental regulations, replaced the MX cameras available in Vicor MX systems before July 2006.

Four types of MX+ camera are available: MX40+, MX20+, MX13+, and MX3+. MX+ cameras use surface-mount LEDs on the strobe units and provide high-speed, low-latency motion capture. Each MX+ camera is programmed with Vicor application firmware to control its operation and enable it to perform its own onboard processing. Also see *CMOS*, *MX Camera*, *MX3/MX3+*, *MX13/MX13+*, *MX20+*, *MX40/MX40+*, *Vicon application software*, and *Firmware*.

MX Control An optional MX hardware unit that provides the interface between Vicor MX and third-party capture devices, such as force plates, electromyography (EMG), audio, and other digital devices. Also see *Vicon MX*, *Genlock*, and *Timecode*.

MX Link An optional MX hardware unit that connects multiple MX Net units in a Vicor MX system supplied before July 2006; later systems use the MX Ultrahet. Also see *MX Ultrahet* and *Vicon MX*.

MX Net An MX hardware unit that supplies power and communications for up to eight connected MX cameras (or certain other MX hardware units) and either the host PC or an MX Link in a

Vicor MX system supplied before July 2006; later systems use the MX Ultrahet.

The MX Net routes all communication to and from the host PC, and timing/synchronization signals to and from the MX cameras. Also see *Host PC*, *MX Bridge*, *MX Camera*, *MX Control*, *MX Link*, *MX Ultrahet*, and *Vicon MX*.

MX Sync An optional MX hardware unit that provides an extended interface to the MX Control functionality for connecting third-party external devices that Vicor MX can trigger, that can remotely trigger data capture on the Vicor MX system, or that can send synchronization signals. Also see *MX Control* and *Vicon MX*.

MX Ultrahet An MX hardware unit that supplies power, synchronization, and communications for up to eight connected MX+ cameras (or alternative devices such as MX Control or MX Bridge units) and the host PC. The MX Ultrahet, made of lead-free components to comply with environmental regulations, replaced the MX Net and MX Link units available in Vicor MX systems before July 2006.

When integrated with an MX Sync, an MX Ultrahet also provides GPIO functionality without the need for an MX Control. Multiple MX Ultrahet units can be connected in a single Vicor MX system. Also see *MX Bridge*, *MX Control*, *MX Link*, *MX Net*, *MX Sync*, and *Vicon MX*.

MX13/MX13+ An MX camera providing 1.3 mega-pixel resolution used in Vicor MX systems. Also see *MX Camera*, *MX+ Camera*, and *Vicon MX*.

MX3/MX3+ An MX camera providing 0.3 mega-pixel resolution used in Vicor MX systems. Also see *MX Camera*, *MX+ Camera*, and *Vicon MX*.

MX20+ An MX camera providing 2-mega-pixel resolution used in Vicor MX

systems. Also see *MX Camera*, *MX+ Camera*, and *Vicon MX*.

MX40/MX40+ An MX camera providing 4 mega-pixel resolution used in Vicon MX systems. Also see *MX Camera*, *MX+ Camera*, and *Vicon MX*.

.mxe file A file with extension *.mxe*, which contains updates to the Vicon MX firmware in MX cameras and certain MX hardware units. Also see *Firmware*, *MX Bridge*, *MX Camera*, *MX Control*, *MX Sync*, and *MX Ultranet*.

N

Neutral pose The anatomical position in which a subject maintains a stationary stance. In this type of pose, the subject typically stands upright with the head level and looking straight ahead, shoulders relaxed (neither hunched forward nor pressed backward), arms hanging loosely by the sides with wrists straight and palms facing inward, pelvis level, and feet flat on the floor and pointing forward.

The actual posture depends upon the definition of the zero position for key joints in the kinematic model described in the associated *.vst file*. A neutral pose is using during a static trial or at the beginning of a dynamic trial. Two common forms of the neutral pose are the motorcycle pose and the T-pose. Also see *Dynamic trial*, *Motorcycle pose*, *Static trial*, and *T-pose*.

Nexus Vicon application software for optical motion capture, processing, and analysis with Vicon MX systems. It contains functionality to prepare, acquire, and review the movement of live subjects and inanimate objects. Nexus replaced Workstation as the core motion capture and processing software for life sciences

applications. Also see *Vicon MX* and *Workstation*.

Noise Random or systematic background interference that is unrelated to the data being collected (such as hum or hiss in audio data, or snow or graininess in video data), or random spikes or jitters in motion data. Some noise is generally present in most data collected. Typical examples are noise caused by human error in digitizing, electrical interference in EMG, mechanical vibrations in force plates, or non-seamless camera tracking of markers during motion capture. Different types of noise require different techniques to eliminate it.

Normalization scheme A set of events within a context defined for a trial, which is used to normalize graph data in some Vicon application software. Graphs are plotted using a horizontal axis which is determined by two events. This enables graphs from different trials to be compared. Also see *Context*.

NTSC National Television System Committee. A format defined for analog color television, with a vertical resolution of 525 lines and a base frame rate of 29.97 Hz. This is the format used in Canada, Japan, Korea, Mexico, USA, and parts of Central and South America. NTSC uses the SMPTE timecode standard. Also see *EIA*, *LTC*, *PAL*, *SECAM*, *SMPTE timecode*, *Timecode*, and *VITC*.

O

.obd file A text file with extension *.obd*, which contains information on fixed objects (such as furniture) in the capture volume. This enables such objects to be visualized in Vicon Workstation. You can use the default *.obd* files supplied in the Workspace directory (by default, *C:\Program Files\Vicon\Workstation*

(*Wkspc*). A copy is written to the active Session folder of the open database. Also see *Capture volume* and *Workstation*.

.obj file Object file. A text file with extension *.obj*, which contains definitions of mesh segments corresponding to the names of segments in an associated *.vst* file or modeled data. You can select any of the default *.obj* files supplied in the Meshes folder of Vicon Polygon (by default, *C:\Program Files\Vicon\Polygon\Meshes*). Also see *Plug-in Gait*, *Polygon*, and *.vst file*.

Object The target of a trial, usually a single-segment inanimate article, to which Vicon markers are attached and subsequently tracked by a Vicon system. Also see *Trial*, *Tracking volume*, and *Subject*.

Occlusion The state of a marker that has been completely obstructed from the view of one or more cameras. This is generally caused by the marker being covered by a body part or by another motion capture subject. Also see *Marker*.

Offline processing The process of converting raw motion data previously captured by Vicon cameras and saved in *.tvd* or *.x2d* files into 3D data. Also see *Real-time processing*, *.tvd file*, and *.x2d file*.

OLGA Optimized Lower-limb Gait Analysis. A Vicon system software option for Polygon. OLGA is a plug-in procedure used to increase the accuracy and repeatability of trials that have been captured with the Newton/Helen Hayes marker set and processed with the Conventional Gait Model (CGM), also known as the Davis/Kadaba model (as implemented by Vicon first in Vicon Clinical Manager and later in Plug-in Gait). Also see *Gait analysis*, *Plug-in*, and *Plug-in Gait*.

Operating mode A window in some Vicon application software that provides access to the activities required during a specific stage of motion capture and processing. Each operating mode has its own control bars, view panes, and activity bars. Also see *Control bar*, *View pane*, and *Activity bar*.

.options file An XML file with extension *.options*, which contains configuration settings for view options created in the Options dialog box in Vicon Nexus. Also see *Nexus*.

Origin See *Volume origin*.

Ortho view pane A type of view pane in a Vicon iQ or Nexus application software window in which the point of sight, or direction, from which to view the capture volume (or tracking volume) in the workspace can be set. The available views are based on orthographic projection (also called orthogonal projection): top, bottom, front, back, right side, and left side. Also see *View pane*, *Capture volume*, *Tracking volume*, and *Workspace*.

Orthogonal axes Three axes which are at right angles to each other. Vectors may be analyzed into components in any orthogonal system of axes, and the components added according to normal vector algebra.

Overlap The state of two trajectories that are reconstructed in a certain range of consecutive frames and are given the same label. Also see *Trajectory*.

P

PAL Phase Alternation by Line. A format defined for analog color television, with a vertical resolution of 625 lines and a base frame rate of 25 Hz. This is the format used in much of Europe (except France), Australia, and parts of Asia and Africa.

PAL uses the EBU timecode standard. Also see *CCIR*, *EBU timecode*, *LTC*, *NTSC*, *SECAM*, *Timecode*, and *VITC*.

Pan The rotation of a stationary camera in a horizontal plane about a vertical axis (pan left or pan right). Also see *Dolly*, *Tilt*, and *Truck*.

Parameter links A visual representation in Vicon application software of the parameter associations between specified markers and segments in a subject.

Parent segment A segment in a kinematic model that controls attributes of one or more child segments. A parent segment also can be the child of other parent segments. Also see *Child segment*.

PECS Pipeline External Communication Server. A Vicon system software option for Workstation. PECS enables Workstation to be used as a Windows ActiveX automation server. This gives any application supporting ActiveX technology direct access to Workstation data and the processing API, which enables a variety of client applications, scripts, and processes to be evaluated in the Vicon application software pipeline. It offers the additional capability of providing ActiveX access for processing of 3D marker data and analog data within other applications.

Pipeline The feature in Vicon application software that specifies one or more operations to be automatically performed on the data for a specific type of trial following motion capture. The pipeline can be run immediately after capture or on demand against one or more previously saved trials. The pipeline includes default operations from the Vicon application software, any Vicon plug-in modules, and any user-created plug-in modules. Also see *Trial*, *Vicon application software*, and *Plug-in*.

.pipeline file An XML file with extension *.pipeline*, which contains configuration settings for automated processing pipelines created in the Pipeline tool pane in Vicon Nexus. Also see *Nexus* and *Pipeline*.

Pixel Picture (pix) element. The smallest unit of the composition of an image capture or display device.

Plug-in A data-processing module which provides additional functionality directly accessible from the Vicon application software. A number of plug-in modules may be provided as system options with Vicon application software. Some third-party application software (such as computer graphics packages) may provide plug-ins for use with Vicon application software.

Workstation plug-ins have the file extension *.vpi*. Their functionality is accessed through the pipeline. Users also can create their own Workstation plug-ins using the Plug-in Software Development Kit (SDK). Other Vicon application software may provide plug-ins with a different file extension and access method. Also see *Pipeline*, *Vicon application software*, and *Workstation*.

Plug-in Gait A Vicon system software option for Nexus and Polygon. Plug-in Gait is an enhanced version of the Vicon Clinical Manager model that enables users to produce gait analysis reports that conform to established clinical practices. Also see *Gait analysis*, *Nexus*, and *Polygon*.

Plug-in Modeler A Vicon system software option that enables BodyLanguage models to be inserted into Workstation as pipeline processing operations. Also see *BodyBuilder*, *BodyLanguage*, *Pipeline*, and *Workstation*.

Point A location in space specified by 3D coordinates. A trajectory (or segment of a trajectory) consists of a time-series of points. A point is stored in a *.c3d* file as three spatial coordinates and a residual, identified by a label. Points may represent the measured positions of real markers. In some Vicon application software, points may be virtual (created by modeling). The terms point and marker are often used interchangeably. Also see *.c3d file*, *Label*, *Marker*, and *Virtual point*.

Polygon Vicon application software for biomechanics visualization and reporting, which models bones, muscles, and ligaments. Polygon functionality can be extended with plug-in modules. Also see *OLGA* and *Plug-in Gait*.

Post-Triggering A feature in some Vicon application software that enables a Vicon system to capture events that have already happened. This is useful, for example, for subjects whose motion is difficult to predict, such as animals and children.

Primary selection The first of multiple selected objects (such as markers or graph plots). Some tools or processes in some Vicon application software operate solely on the primary selection. Also see *Secondary selection*.

Progressive video Also known as progressive scan. A method for constructing a video image by drawing the lines of each frame in sequence. The entire image is constructed every frame. Also see *Composite video signal*.

.protocol file An XML file with extension *.protocols*, which contains configuration settings for customized workflow protocols created in the Protocols status pane in Vicon Nexus. Also see *Nexus*.

R

Range of Motion (RoM) trial A short dynamic trial (typically 15-30 seconds) during which the subject moves his or her limbs and joints to enable Vicon application software to determine the location of and measurements between key markers and to assign labels to the reconstructed 3D markers. This type of dynamic trial is required for the subject calibration process.

During a RoM trial, the subject moves each limb and joint to be captured through its full range of motion at least once. For entertainment applications, the movements included in a RoM trial should match any moves that will be included in the planned data captures. For life sciences applications, the movements included in a RoM trial depend on factors such as the subject's physical capabilities; if the subject is not able to perform a RoM trial, use the full subject calibration process in *Plug-in Gait* instead. Also see *Dynamic trial*, *Plug-in Gait*, *Subject calibration*, *Workstation*, and *Vicon iQ*.

Real-time processing The process of converting raw, 2D motion data being streamed live by Vicon cameras into 3D data. Also see *RealTime Engine (RTE)* and *Offline processing*.

RealTime Engine (RTE) Vicon application software that produces 3D data based on the raw motion data acquired by Vicon MX or V-series cameras. The RTE (known as Tarsus in Vicon V-series systems) reconstructs, labels, and optionally kinematically fits this real-time motion data, which can then be viewed and incorporated in Vicon iQ, Polygon, or third-party visualization software. Also see *Polygon*, *Tracker*, *Vicon iQ*, and *Workstation*.

RealTime subject A subject or object whose motion is to be acquired and streamed into visualization software in which the data can be visualized and manipulated in real time. Also see *RealTime Engine (RTE)*, *Subject*, and *Object*.

Reconstruction The process by which Vicon application software calculates the position of markers in three-dimensional space and links these points frame-by-frame into a trajectory. Also see *Frame*, *Marker*, and *Trajectory*.

Reconstruction entity A 3D representation generated by Vicon application software showing the reconstructed markers. Also see *Marker* and *Reconstruction*.

Reconstruction volume The 3D representation of the capture volume displayed in some Vicon application software. This enables the user to visualize the space within which the Vicon system attempts to reconstruct marker data. The dimensions of this volume are user configurable. Also see *Calibration volume*, *Capture volume*, *Marker*, and *Trajectory*.

Reference video A Vicon system option for Vicon motion capture software applications that enables digital video data from multiple DCAM or DV format video cameras to be captured simultaneously with optical motion data from Vicon MX systems (similar functionality is provided by the Movie Capture option in Vicon V-series systems).

An IEEE 1394 option card must be installed in the same computer as the Reference Video option. The captured data is stored in *.avi* files. Also see *.avi file*, *DCAM*, *DV*, *IEEE 1394*, *Movie capture*, *Polygon*, *Vicon iQ*, *Vicon MX*, and *Workstation*.

Remote triggering A feature in Vicon application software that enables a third-party device integrated into a Vicon system to start or stop data capture. Also see *Datastation*, *MX Control*, and *Trigger*.

Resolution A measure of the fineness of detail with which a camera or monitor can produce an image with good definition. This measurement is based on the total number of pixels displayed horizontally and vertically on the camera video sensor or the video monitor. Also see *Camera video sensor* and *Pixel*.

Retroreflective marker See *Marker definition 1*.

Rigid body A virtual object formed from a specified group of markers with a relatively fixed proximity to one another. Some Vicon application software can use rigid bodies to fill gaps in other marker trajectories. Also see *Marker* and *Trajectory*.

RoM trial See *Range of Motion (RoM) trial*.

Root The segment of a subject that the autolabeling process is to identify first. This segment is designated in the file identifying the marker labels to be used. For human subjects, this is typically a 6 DOF joint represented by the pelvis. Also see *DOF*, *.mkr file*, *.vsk file*, and *.vst file*.

Rotation A movement about a specified axis. In Vicon application software, the rotation of a kinematic model element can be manipulated to change its displayed orientation in a 3D Workspace. Also see *3D Workspace*, *Scale*, and *Translation*.

.rtp file RealTime Parameters file. A text file with extension *.rtp*, which contains a set of parameters that specify the way the RealTime Engine is to stream data through some Vicon application

software. You can save settings to *.rtp* files and load them to suit your particular needs. By default, *.rtp* files are saved in the active Session folder of the open database. Also see *Data streaming* and *RealTime Engine (RTE)*.

S

S-Video connector Superior Video connector. A hardware interface for connecting video equipment that handles chrominance (color) and luminance (black and white) signals separately. An S-video connector provides a higher-quality signal free of the cross luminance/color problems associated with composite video signals. Also see *Composite video signal*.

Sample skip A feature in some Vicon application software to reduce the video capture rate. For example, a setting a sample skip video rate of 2 for a camera capturing 120 frames per second reduces the effective sample rate to 60 frames per second.

This is useful when capturing slow moving subjects, capturing for long periods, or using large numbers of subjects with many cameras. It can also be used to reduce the amount of data, for example, to free up space on the computer. Also see *Frame rate*.

Sampling frequency See *Analog sampling frequency*.

Scalar A quantity that has only magnitude. For example, mass, length, or kinetic energy are scalar quantities and can be manipulated with conventional arithmetic. Also see *Kinetics* and *Vector*.

Scale 1) The enlargement or reduction of an image by proportionally adjusting its size. In Vicon application software, the scale of a kinematic model element can

be manipulated to change its displayed size in a 3D Workspace. Also see *3D Workspace*, *Rotation*, and *Translation*.

2) The alteration of values from one unit of measure to another. Vicon application software can scale incoming voltage signals (e.g. from a force plate) from bits to Newtons (N) for forces and Newton millimeters (Nmm) for moments. Also see *Force plate* and *Scale factor (analog)*.

Scale factor (analog) The factor by which to multiply the incoming voltage unit from a third-party analog device to convert it to another unit of measure that can be used by Vicon application software. Also see *Scale* definition 2.

Scrub The movement of the current time cursor left or right along the Time Bar ruler to manage the trial data currently viewable in the 3D Workspace in Vicon application software. Also see *3D Workspace*, *Trial*, and *Time bar*.

SECAM Séquentiel Couleur avec Mémoire. A format defined for analog color television, with a vertical resolution of 625 lines and a base frame rate of 25 Hz. This is the standard used in France, the Middle East, and most of Eastern Europe. SECAM uses the EBU timecode standard. Also see *CCIR*, *EBU timecode*, *LTC*, *NTSC*, *PAL*, *Timecode*, and *VITC*.

Secondary selection The second or subsequent of multiple objects (such as markers or graph plots) selected after the primary selection. Also see *Primary selection*.

Segment One of the constituent parts into which a body or object is divided. A segment can be represented in a kinematic model of a subject, for example a bone in a human being or an animal. A segment can be visualized as an element of the 3D representation of a subject in

Vicon application software. Also see *Kinematic model*, *Segment Axes*, and *Subject*.

Segment Axes The embedded coordinate reference frame for a segment in the kinematic model for a subject whose motion is being captured or analyzed in a Vicon system. This can be visualized as an element of the 3D representation of the subject. Also see *Kinematic model*, *Segment*, and *Subject*.

Sensor A device that measures or detects a physical quantity such as pressure, motion, sound, or light and converts it into an analog or digital representation. Also see *Analog sensor* and *Camera video sensor*.

SIMM export plug-in A Vicon system option for Workstation. This plug-in exports joint angles, kinetics, trajectories, force plates, and analog data to the files necessary to run a SIMM model. The plug-in is included in Workstation as a pipeline operation that enables the SIMM model automatically to be run immediately following processing. Also see *Analog*, *Force plate*, *Kinetics*, *Pipeline*, and *Plug-in*.

Single support A temporal parameter used in gait analysis for the period of time, or the percentage of the gait cycle, where one foot supports the subject. Also see *Double support* and *Gait analysis*.

SMPTE drop-frame timecode SMPTE timecode that skips, or drops, two frame numbers per minute, except at the tens of the minute count. This resolves the problem of incorrect synchronization of timecode with clock time caused by SMPTE timecode counting a full 30 frames per second while NTSC video operates at 29.97 Hz. If unresolved, the timecode would count 108 more frames in one hour than actually occur in the

NTSC video in one hour. Also see *SMPTE timecode* and *Timecode*.

SMPTE timecode The standard of timecode defined by the Society of Motion Picture and Television Engineers in the USA, which is based on cameras operating at multiples of 29.97 Hz. During videotaping, frame numbers corresponding to a particular video frame are encoded in either LTC or VITC. Also see *EBU timecode*, *EIA*, *LTC*, *NTSC*, *Timecode*, and *VITC*.

.sp file Subject Parameters file. A text file with extension *.sp*, which contains the names and initial coordinates of markers attached to a subject whose motion is being captured or analyzed by Workstation application software. The *.sp* file is generated during the autolabel calibration process and subsequently used for labeling reconstructed data. By default, *.sp* files are saved in the active Session folder of the open database. Also see *Autolabel calibration*, *Subject* and *Workstation*.

Spike A point that lies to one side of an otherwise smooth trajectory. A spike appears as a sudden, dramatic rise or fall in graph data. Spikes often occur as a result of a poor reconstruction in a particular frame and can be eliminated using editing tools in Vicon application software. Also see *Frame*, *Point*, *Reconstruction*, and *Trajectory*.

Static calibration object A calibration object used for setting the global coordinate system in the capture volume. An ergo calibration frame is one type of static calibration object. Also see *Calibration kit*, *Calibration object*, *Calibration volume*, *Ergo calibration frame*, and *Global coordinate system*.

Static trial A short data capture (typically 3-5 seconds) during which the subject stands in a stationary, neutral

pose to enable the Vicon system to determine the location of key markers on the subject. This type of trial is required to optimize an autolabel process in Vicon application software. Also see *Neutral pose*, *Motorcycle pose*, *T-pose* and *Dynamic trial*.

Step length A temporal parameter used in gait analysis for the distance along the line of progression from foot contact by one foot to foot contact by the other foot. Also see *Foot contact* and *Gait analysis*.

Step time A temporal parameter used in gait analysis for the period of time, or the percentage of the gait cycle, from foot off to foot contact by the same foot. Also see *Foot contact*, *Foot off*, and *Gait analysis*.

Step width A temporal parameter used in gait analysis for the distance between the specified foot marker and the corresponding marker on the opposite foot when a foot contact event occurs along the line of progression. Also see *Foot contact* and *Gait analysis*.

Stick A visual aid to illustrate the connection between reconstructed marker positions or between virtual points in a kinematic model for a subject whose motion is being captured or analyzed in a Vicon system. This can be visualized as an element of the 3D representation of the subject. Also see *Kinematic model*, *Marker*, and *Subject*.

Stride length A temporal parameter used in gait analysis for the distance along the line of progression from one foot contact to the next foot contact by the same foot. Also see *Foot contact*, *Gait analysis*, and *Stride time*.

Stride time A temporal parameter used in gait analysis for the period of time, or the percentage of the gait cycle, from

foot off to foot contact by the same foot, that is, the time taken for the foot to do a full gait cycle. Also see *Foot contact*, *Foot off*, and *Gait analysis*.

Strobe unit A specialized piece of illumination equipment attached to the front of a Vicon camera. The strobe unit generates a bright flash of light, which illuminates the retroreflective markers attached to the subject or object whose motion is being captured or analyzed in a Vicon system. The strobe unit's flash coincides with the time the camera's shutter (if present) is open. Strobe units can be fitted with Visible Red (VR), Near Infrared (NIR), or Infrared (IR) Light Emitting Diodes (LEDs).

Subject 1) The target of a trial, usually a multi-segment being such as a person or an animal wearing Vicon markers, whose motion is being captured or analyzed by a Vicon system. Also see *Trial*, *Capture volume*, and *Object*.

2) The 3D representation of the person, animal, or object whose motion is being captured or analyzed in a Vicon system. This is a visualization of the calibrated Vicon Skeleton (.vsk) file for a specific subject. Individual elements of the subject can be visualized in 3D: *Bones*, *Segment Axes*, *Marker*, *Stick*, *Bounding box*, and *Parameter links*.

3) A node in the hierarchy of a database based on the generic Eclipse Node Initialization (.eni) template file. This equates to the Patient node in the Clinical template and the Capture Day node in the Animation template. Also see *Eclipse database* and *.eni file*.

4) A collection of files named after the trial subject. Also see *.sp file*, *.mkr file*, and *.vsk file*.

Subject calibration The process by which the Vicon application software

creates or modifies a kinematic model for a specific subject.

During this processing, the Vicon application software compares the physical segments, joints, and markers on the trial subject to either a) the definition of segments, joints, and markers in the generic model for the subject type described in the associated Vicon Skeleton Template (.vst) file in Vicon iQ or b) marker locations in a previously manually labeled trial for that subject in Workstation.

The results of subject calibration are stored in a subject-specific Vicon Skeleton (.vsk) file, which is used to automatically track and label segments and marker trajectories for the subject in the 3D Workspace. Also see *Autolabel calibration*, *Kinematic model*, *Marker*, *Segment*, *Trajectory*, *.vsk file*, and *.vst file*.

SV Cam A small format, wide-angle lens CMOS digital sensor camera used in a *Vicon V-series system*. This type of camera is the same specification as a VCam camera, but with a reduced strobe size. Also see *CMOS* and *VCam*.

Synchronization The process by which a signal change common to all camera view and analog signals is used to match them in time. This causes analog and/or video data from different sources to match exactly. Also see *Analog*, *Datastation*, and *MX Control*.

System calibration See *Camera calibration*.

.system file An XML file with extension *.system*, which contains configuration settings for Vicon system hardware managed by Nexus application software. This file is created in the System browser pane in Nexus. Also see *Nexus*.

T

T-pose A form of the neutral pose used when capturing a static trial in Workstation or starting a RoM trial in Vicon iQ and Nexus application software. In this pose, the subject stands in the basic neutral pose and raises the arms out straight to the sides with palms facing down (in a position in the shape of a T). This type of static trial may be required for the autolabel or the subject calibration process. Also see *Autolabel calibration*, *Neutral pose*, *Motorcycle pose*, *RoM trial*, *Static trial*, and *Subject calibration*.

Tail An inaccurate reconstruction for a marker trajectory that occurs immediately before and after gaps. Tails can occur when a marker is partially occluded (or blocked) from the camera's view during motion capture, thus resulting in unreliable data for that marker during that period of time. Tails can be eliminated using editing tools in Vicon application software. Also see *Gap*.

Tarsus See *RealTime Engine (RTE)*.

Threshold grid In Vicon MX, a grid superimposed over the image displayed in a camera view pane in which raw, 2D camera data can be manually marked to be used for processing or to be discarded. This enables grayscale blobs generated from unwanted light sources such as stray reflections from other objects or surfaces in the capture volume and opposing strobe units to be ignored. You can have Vicon application software automatically create threshold grids, or you can create them yourself. The equivalent functionality for Vicon V-series systems is provided by camera masks. Also see *Camera mask*, *Capture volume*, *Grayscale blob*, and *.vtt file*.

Tilt The rotation of a stationary camera in a vertical plane about a horizontal axis

(tilt up or tilt down). Also see *Dolly*, *Pan*, and *Truck*.

Time bar A dialog bar in Vicon application software that enables motion capture data with time and synchronization characteristics to be viewed and manipulated. The time bar contains a ruler, context bars, and data playback controls to move to a specific time range within the visualized data. In some Vicon application software, it also contains normalization ranges. Also see *Context bar*, *Motion capture*, and *Synchronization*.

Timecode A time signature that can be imprinted in video or audio signals to provide positional information (i.e. time and frame details) on magnetic videotape. Each field of the signal is assigned its own unique eight-digit code number based on a 24-hour clock specifying hours, minutes, and seconds along with a frame number (hh:mm:ss:ff).

Vicon MX supports the two forms of timecode: EBU (used for PAL, SECAM, and CCIR systems) and SMPTE (used for NTSC and EIA systems).

Vicon MX can synchronize timecode with connected devices and act as a master timecode generator for the system. Vicon V-series systems can synchronize timecode with connected devices. Also see *CCIR*, *EBU timecode*, *EIA*, *Field*, *Frame*, *LTC*, *NTSC*, *PAL*, *SECAM*, *SMPTE timecode*, and *VITC*.

Timecode triggering A feature in Vicon application software that enables a Vicon system to start or stop data capture based on a specified timecode. Also see *Datastation*, *MX Control*, *Timecode*, and *Trigger*.

.tpl file Template file. A Polygon report file with extension *.tpl*, from which similar

Polygon reports for different data sets can be created. These template files define the hierarchical structure and contents of a specific type of Polygon report. The supplied *.tpl* files are installed in the Polygon Templates folder (by default, *C:\Program Files\Vicon\Polygon\Templates*). Also see *Polygon*.

Tracker Vicon application software for 3D optical tracking in virtual environments, simulators, and visualization systems. Tracker is the core motion capture and processing software for engineering applications.

Tracking volume The area of the capture space in which Vicon cameras are able to capture the motion of specified tracking objects. Also see *Reconstruction volume*, *Calibration volume*, and *Capture volume*.

Trajectory The path through space that a moving marker follows. This reconstructed data is stored in a file as a time-series of points with the same label. A trajectory can be displayed in the 3D Workspace as a line through the position of a marker in the current field. A trajectory may consist of a single uninterrupted path or of a number of segments. The latter can occur when markers are obscured from view. Also see *3D Workspace*, *.c3d file*, *Field*, *Label*, *Marker*, *Trajectory*, and *.trial file*.

Translation The movement of an object along a specified axis. In Vicon application software, the translation of an object can be manipulated to change its displayed position in a 3D Workspace. Also see *3D Workspace*, *Rotation* and *Scale*.

.trc file Track Row Column file. A text file with extension *.trc*, which contains marker and trajectory data in Track Row Column format. A *.trc* file can be used to import data from third-party applications

into some Vicon application software. Also see *Marker* and *Trajectory*.

Trial The result of data capture in a Vicon system. The two basic types of data capture are dynamic trials and static trials. Trial data can be saved to file types appropriate for the stage of processing. Also see *.c3d file*, *Dynamic trial*, *Static trial*, *.trial file*, *.tvd file*, and *.x2d file*.

.trial file A binary file with extension *.trial*, which contains all data from a motion capture trial (e.g. unprocessed 2D camera, rigid body, virtual point, and kinematic data). This file can be created when the real-time stream is acquired by Vicon motion capture systems and when offline data is processed in some Vicon application software. By default, *.trial* files are saved to the active Session folder of the open database. Also see *Data capture*, *Kinematic model*, *Motion capture*, *Rigid body*, *Trial*, and *Virtual point*.

.TrialType file An XML file with extension *.TrialType*, which contains configuration settings for motion capture trial setups created in the Capture tool pane in Vicon Nexus. Also see *Nexus*.

Trigger A specified event that initiates or terminates remote data capture or synchronization in a Vicon system. This can be when a specific level either in increasing or decreasing signal is reached or at a specified point of an incoming analog signal. Also see *Post-Triggering*, *Remote triggering*, and *Timecode triggering*.

Truck The moving of a camera side to side along a horizontal axis (truck left or truck right). Also see *Dolly*, *Pan*, and *Tilt*.

.tvd file A binary file with extension *.tvd*, which contains 2D camera data previously captured in a Vicon V-series system. By default, *.tvd* files are saved to

the active Session folder of the open database. Also see *Eclipse database* and *Vicon V-series system*.

V

.vad file Vicon Analog Data file. A binary file with extension *.vad*, which contains unprocessed data from analog data capture. By default, *.vad* files are saved to the active Session folder of the open database. Similar functionality is provided by the *.x1d* file in Vicon Nexus. Also see *Analog* and *Nexus*.

VCam A small format, wide-angle lens CMOS digital sensor camera used in a Vicon V-series system. This type of camera is the same specification as an SV Cam camera with a standard body and strobe size. Also see *CMOS*, *SV Cam*, and *Vicon V-series system*.

Vector A quantity that has both direction and magnitude. For example, velocity is a vector quantity whose magnitude is a body's speed and whose direction is the body's direction of motion. Vicon application software uses vectors to describe and analyze elements of kinematic models of subjects or objects whose motion is being analyzed. Also see *Kinematic model*.

Vicon application software Software for motion capture, processing, and analysis by Vicon systems. A range of software is available for use in a variety of engineering, entertainment, and life sciences applications. Also see *BodyBuilder*, *Plug-in*, *Polygon*, *Tracker*, *Vicon iQ*, and *Workstation*.

Vicon iQ Vicon application software used for tracking and automatically processing complex multiple-character capture scenarios. Vicon iQ is the core integrated motion capture and processing software for entertainment applications.

Vicon MX Vicon integrated system for digital optical motion measurement and analysis, based on video cameras that perform centroid processing. It consists of specialized cameras, illumination equipment, controlling hardware units, application software, and a host PC. MX network equipment, accessories, calibration apparatus, and cables are supplied with the system. Third-party devices can be integrated with the system. Also see *Accessory kit*, *Host PC*, *Calibration kit*, *MX Bridge*, *MX Control*, *MX Link*, *MX Net*, *MX Sync*, *MX Camera*, and *Strobe unit*.

Vicon V-series system Vicon 3D motion capture and analysis system, based on analog cameras and a Datastation that performs the processing. It consists of specialized cameras, illumination equipment, controlling hardware unit, application software, and a host PC. Vicon accessories, calibration apparatus, and cables are supplied with the system. Vicon 460, Vicon 6, Vicon 612, Vicon 624, and Vicon 8i are V-series systems. Also see *Accessory kit*, *Calibration kit*, *Datastation*, *Host PC*, *MCam*, *MCam2*, *Strobe unit*, *SV Cam*, and *VCam*.

Video Burn-in window A function in some Vicon application software that embeds a small window containing a display of either the current timecode or frame count into the video output signal. Also see *Frame*, *Reference video*, and *Timecode*.

View pane The area in the middle of a Vicon application software window that enables users to specify the type of data from one or more Vicon cameras to be viewed. Each type of view pane may contain its own menu bar, toolbar, and workspace. Also see *View pane menu bar*, *View pane toolbar*, and *Workspace*.

View pane menu bar A set of menus in some Vicon application software from which the type of view pane to display in the workspace is selected. Also see *3D Workspace*, *Camera view pane*, *Frame rate view pane*, *Fullscreen preview*, *Ortho view pane*, *View pane*, and *View pane toolbar*.

View pane toolbar A set of buttons with which the number and arrangement of view panes displayed in the workspace is specified. Also see *View pane* and *View pane menu bar*.

.ViewTypes file Vicon Nexus view pane layout configuration file. An XML file with extension *.ViewType*, which contains configuration settings for view pane layouts in the Nexus window. Also see *Nexus*.

Virtual point A virtual marker that is derived through calculations based on a specified group of markers—or other virtual points—whose proximity to one another is relatively fixed. Some Vicon application software can use virtual points as though they were reconstructed markers (e.g. to edit, filter, fill gaps in other marker trajectories, and visualization). Also see *Marker*, *Point*, *Reconstruction*, and *Trajectory*.

Visualization software Vicon or third-party application software in which motion data can be visualized and manipulated in real time. Also see *Polygon* and *Vicon iQ*.

VITC Vertical Interval Timecode. A form of timecode that is encoded directly into the video tracks, picked up by the helical scan heads on a Video Cassette Recorder (VCR), and then output on the video signal. This means that even if the VCR is in a pause or slow mode, the VITC can still be read. Also see *EBU timecode*, *LTC*, *SMPTE timecode*, and *Timecode*.

Volume See *Capture volume*, *Calibration volume*, *Reconstruction volume*, and *Tracking volume*.

Volume origin The coordinates (0,0,0) identifying the origin of the world in the context of the capture volume or tracking volume. The volume origin is specified during the system calibration process. Also see *Capture volume*, *Tracking volume*, and *System calibration*.

.vpi file Vicon Plug-In file. A C++ DLL file with extension *.vpi*, which is a user-defined plug-in to Workstation application software that has been written using the Vicon Software Development Kit (SDK). A *.vpi* file is included in Workstation as a pipeline operation in the Vicon Plug-ins directory (by default, *C:\Program Files\Vicon\Plugins*). These *.vpi* files can be run in Nexus through the Pipeline tool pane and are stored in the Workstation Plug-ins directory (by default, *C:\Program Files\Vicon\Nexus\WorkstationPlugIns*). Also see *Nexus*, *Pipeline*, *Plug-in*, and *Workstation*.

.vsk file Vicon Skeleton file. An XML file with extension *.vsk*, which contains a kinematic model that describes the relationships between the segments, joints, and Vicon markers for a specific subject or object of the type described in the associated Vicon Skeleton Template (*.vst*) file. For example, if the *.vst* file represents a human being, the *.vsk* file contains a kinematic model of an individual person. The Vicon application software uses the *.vsk* file to track and label markers and segments for that subject. By default, *.vsk* files are saved to the active Session folder of the open database. Also see *Eclipse database*, *Kinematic model*, *Marker*, *Object*, *Segment*, *Subject*, and *.vst file*.

.vst file Vicon Skeleton Template file. An XML file with extension *.vst*, which

contains a kinematic model that describes the generic relationships between segments, joints, and Vicon markers for a certain type of subject or object. For example, a *.vst* file may be used to represent a human being, a calibration object, or a prop. You can use any of the default *.vst* files supplied with your Vicon application software or create your own to suit your particular needs. Also see *Kinematic model*, *Marker*, *Object*, *Segment*, *Subject*, *.vsk file*.

.vtt file Vicon Threshold Table file. An XML file with extension *.vtt*, which contains the set of threshold grids defined to discard (or in some Vicon application software reduce the data intensity of) defined areas of 2D data visible to MX cameras in a Vicon MX system. By default, *.vtt* files are saved to the active Session folder of the open database. Similar functionality is provided by the *.xcp* file in Nexus. Also see *MX Camera*, *Threshold grid*, and *.xcp file*.

W

Walking speed A temporal parameter used in gait analysis for the speed of the current foot based on stride time and stride length. Also see *Gait analysis*, *Stride length*, and *Stride time*.

Wand See *Calibration wand*.

Workspace The area in the view pane in which data can be viewed and manipulated. The type of workspace displayed depends on the type of view pane selected. Also see *View pane* and *3D Workspace*.

Workspace axes A visual representation in some Vicon application software of the X, Y, and Z axes in the global coordinate system. These axes are specified as part of the system calibration process. They can be visualized in the

3D Workspace. Also see *3D Workspace*, *Global coordinate system*, and *System calibration*.

Workstation Vicon application software for data acquisition and processing of optical motion capture. It contains functionality to set up, calibrate, acquire, verify, edit, and process motion data from Vicon systems as well as analog data from third-party devices such as EMG and force plates. It also controls capture of digital reference video and real-time data streaming.

Workstation is the core motion capture and processing software for life sciences applications. A range of plug-in software is available to extend Workstation functionality. Also see *Plug-in*, *PECS*, *Plug-in Modeler*, and *SIMM export plug-in*.

X

.x1d file A binary file with extension *.x1d*, which contains unprocessed data from analog data capture in Vicon Nexus. By default, *.x1d* files are saved to the active Session folder of the open database. Similar functionality is provided by the *.vad* file in earlier Vicon application software. Also see *Nexus* and *.vad file*.

.x2d file An XML file with extension *.x2d*, which contains 2D camera data previously captured in Vicon MX systems. This can be a mixture of unprocessed grayscale blobs, calculated centroids, and coordinates data. By default, *.x2d* files are saved to the active Session folder of the open database. Also see *Centroid*, *Coordinates data*, *Grayscale blob*, and *Vicon MX*.

.xcp file An XML file with extension *.xcp*, which contains the calibration parameters and threshold data specified for Vicon cameras and supported third-

party digital video cameras in Vicon Nexus. This file is created during the MX camera and DV camera calibration processes and used when data from these cameras is processed. A copy of the *.xcp* file is saved to the active Session folder of the open database. Similar functionality is provided by the *.cp* and *.vtt* files in earlier Vicon application software. Also see *.cp file*, *DCAM*, *DV*, *Nexus*, and *.vtt file*.

.xml file eXtensible Markup Language file. A condensed form of SGML (Standard Generalized Markup Language) which defines a language standard used to create customized tags for organizing and presenting types of information in documents that can be published on the World Wide Web. A number of Vicon file types are in XML format. Also see *.vsk file*, *.vst file*, and *.vtt file*.

Z

Zoom lens A camera lens with a variable focal length and whose angle of view can be changed without moving the camera. See *MCam2*, *MX13/MX13+*, and *MX40/MX40+*.

Zoom ratio The ratio of the longest and shortest focal length of a zoom lens. Also see *Focal length* and *Zoom lens*.

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